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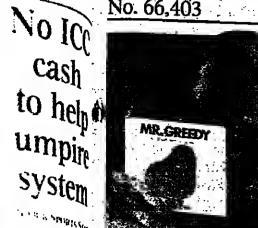
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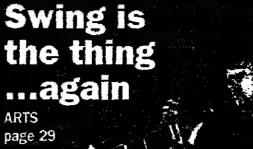


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Police check hospitals over 'backdoor euthanasia'

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE deaths of at least 50 hospital patients around Britain are being investigated by police and health of-ficials amid allegations of a creepging tide of backdoor euthanasia.

Seven separate inquiries are looking into claims that doctors have withheld intravenous drips from detiment y hydrated patients, often while they were under sedation, and left them to die from thirst. The patients in-. volved were suffering from strokes," asthma, other common medical conditions and dementia. At least five hospitals - in Derby, Surrey,

of police inquiries as a result of relatives complaints or nurses whistleblowing, while others have been referred to the General Medical Council and health authorities

The Crown Prosecution Service will soon decide whether to prosecute in two important cases in which doctors have been accused of manslaughter due to criminal negligence. In the most serious of these, police are investigating 40 deaths at the Kingsway Hospital in Derby. where nurses claimed that dementia sufferers on a psycho-geriatric

died from infections.

The inquiry was launched in November, 1997 after junior nurses tomptained, and papers relating to patients at the hospital between 1993 and 1997 are expected to be sent to the CPS in the spring. In general, the practice of deny-ing nutrition and fluids to patients

diagnosed as entering the final phase of a terminal illness is defended as "helping nature to take its course". But some doctors condemn it as involuntary euthanasia. The cases of patients in persistent

vegetative state (PVS) such as the

Hillsborough disaster victim Tony Bland, must be referred to the courts. But a grey ethical area allows doctors to "exercise their clinical judgment" in other cases.

Sources in the medical profession suggest that some may be using that discretion to keep patients quiet and acquiescent on the wards. Some who have had had a momentary choking fit, for example, have then been put on a nil-by-mouth re-gime, sedated and left to dehydrate.

Dr Gillian Craig, a retired con-sultant geriatrician from Northampton, has told the Royal College of Physicians that water and food

not be regarded as treatment that a doctor may give or withhold. "Sadly there are times when sedation without hydrarion seems tanta-

mount to euthanasia. This strengthens the hand of those who are pressing to legalise physician-assisted suicide. Good palliative medicine is a major defence against euthanasia, but please heed my warning. Sedation without hydration has enormous potential for misuse. I would like to see this regime consigned to the dustbin of history.

"Attendon to hydration is not

sic part of good medicine."

Another case being considered by the CPS concerns the death of an 81-year-old woman who was admitted to hospital in Surrey in May 1997 for treatment for consupation and a urine infection. Her health was otherwise good. She was denied intravenous fluids, in spite of the pleading of relatives.

At one stage a hospital crash team, called at her daughter's insistence by a doctor previously unconnected with the case, carried out emergency measures that required cutting into her neck and groin arteries to insert fluid lines. But septi-caemia and multiorgan failure had by then set in. Her daughter said: "This was not a dying patient when she was admitted. In fact she was a relatively healthy lady, full of fun. with a relatively common problem. Six days later she was on her death bed as a direct result of dehydraoon. I had literally begged them with my hands pressed together in supplication to rehydrate her."

The issue of withholding or withdrawing treatment has been taken Continued on page 2, col 5

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Saddam tries to lure US jets to train

FROM DAMIAN WHITWORTH IN WASHINGTON

AMERICAN fighter aircraft set up after the 1991 Gulf War attacked Iraqi planes in the air to protect Kards in the north and States in the south. But yesterday after Saddam Hus-sein apparently tried to hure the Western pilots into a trap. Six air to air missiles were

fired at warplanes in the south-ern no-fly zone, which was being patrolled by FI4 Navy jet-sand FI5 fighters. Iraqi MiG thought. and Mirage warplanes com-mitted eight separate viola-tions with between 13 and 15 planes yesterday, but none ap-peared to have been shot down in the two skirmishes in which missiles were fired — although one is thought to have crashed

after running out of fuel. The Pentagon suspected that Saddam was trying to here American planes into areas where they would be vulnerable to surface to air missiles or surprise attack from other aircraft, but the spokesman Ken Bacon said that American pilots were trained to deal

with that Yesterday's incidents folowed two missile exchanges with Iraqi missile batteries in eight days. Saddam has said that Baghdad will no longer. recognize the no-fly zones in northern and southern Iraq.

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Mr Bacon saw the transgressions as a sign that the Iraqi. leader was frustrated and that ther austrikes of Operation. Descri Fox had done more damage to his military infrastructure than had been

Reporting yesterday's inci dent, an Iraqi military spokes-man said: "The hawks of our brave air force confronted and clashed with the aggressive American and British planes at 10.22 (0722 GMT) and the enemy planes withdrew. All the planes of our air force returned to their bases safely."

At the same time, Saddam urged Arabs to overthrow their leaders if they were allied to America. "Revolt against foreign powers, their aggression and their armies and chase its perpetrators," he said in a speech to mark the anniversa-ry of the foundation of the Iraqi army. "Revolt against those who boast of friendship with the United States, those who are guided by (US Defence Sec-retary) William Cohen. The dwarves on their

thrones will be forced to hear you, or else they will sup down to give way for the peo-ple to say their opinion and take their action."

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The renewed military action came as the White House contimed with preparations for Mr the Sen are, which opens tomorrow. The hearing, once expected to be over by next week, is now thought more likely to be a full-scale trial with witnesses.





Prince Harry shows off his jumping skills on a pair of 3ft snowblades during a photocall at Klosters yesterday

Prince Harry takes to the air with the latest skiing craze

By ALAN HAMILTON

PRINCE HARRY gave a pow-erful boost to the latest winter craze of snowblading yester-day when he executed a small but perfect ski jump in front of the world's media and landed on his feet unaided by the steadying influence of poles.

There was no mistaking the generation gap between the 14-year-old Prince and his 50-year-old father as they performed their ritual photocall for the press during their au-nual sking holiday at Klosters in the Swiss Alps The Prince of Wales led off with a small and cautious jump from a modest snow hummock using conventional

But his son quickly out-shone him Wearing a pair of 3ft snowblades, less than half the length of traditional skis. given to him by their French manufacturers, Flarry soared a good two feet in the air,

out faltering.
Photocalls at Klosters are

something of a tribulation to the Prince and his sons, so much so that the shy Prince William elected to stay behind this year and join friends in Scotland. The Prince of Wales agrees to one brief meeting with the press in the hone that they will then leave him alone for the rest of his week's holi-

Last year, in the wake of the death of Diana. Princess of Wales, the arrangement worked well. This year the Prince and his younger son. by performing tricks for the cameras, have given the media appente for more. In a brief and amicable ex-

change with reporters the Prince was asked whether he or his son was the better skier. That is not a fair question; I suspect youth has the advantage," he replied. Asked if he would be sending a postcard wice the altitude of his fa- to Prince William, the Prince

ther's effort, and landed with-out faltering. wryly replied: "I think Wil-liam will be able to read about

Prince Harry is emerging as an enthusiastic and competent skier, more Harry the Hawk than Eddie the Eagle. Last year he tried Big Foot fun skis: this year he has mastered snowblades, described by



their makers as the snow equivalent of in-line skating, slightly wider and more flexible than regular skis. The main advantage of

snowblades over the Big Foot skis is speed. Their manoeuvrability also make them good for flips and jumps and snowbladers are set to rival snowboarders for tricks on the snowboarding parks springing up in Alpine resorts. Purists turn their noses up at snowblades as they sink in deep powder snow.

Snowblades do not have the normal ski binding which releases the foot when the wearer falls. Instead they have an adjustable binding which keeps boot and ski together

The Princes are accompa nied on their holiday by Tiggy Legge-Bourke, a former nanny to the Prince's children. and Tara Palmer-Tomkinson, the so-called "It" girl whose parents are long-standing skiing partners of the Prince.

Aden orders out anti-terror Yard squad

FROM DANIEL McGrory IN ADEN

TWO Scotland Yard detectives were told last night to leave Aden on the first available flight after being refused permission to interview the leader of the gang that abducted 16 Western hostages. The order to leave the port

city came hours after the Governor of Aden promised the anti-terrorist detectives full co-operation. The sudden change of heart by the Yemenis may well cause a serious diplomatic rift. The joint Scotland Yard and FBI investigation becomes cannot question Abu Hassan or the three terrorists arrested in Aden for trying to blow up

British targets.
British diplomats were stummed by the order from Aden's security chief, General Mohammed Saleh Turaik. who had been prepared to let police visit the scene of the gunight in which four hostages died. The FBI and the Yard detectives have not yet been ordered out of Yemen. But that may happen if diplomatic rela-tions worsen today.

Swift retaliation is expected

from Whitehall and Washington, who fear Yemen is being used as a base by Islamic ter-

roxists. The FBI is convinced the kidnap last week was carried out by Islamic terrorists funded and trained by the Saudi billionaire Osama bin Laden, who is accused of being behind a series of bombings on Western targets.

Diplomats will try to get senfor Yemeni officials to change. their minds today, but the two detectives are returning to the fice has already strongly criticised the Yemeni government for their handling of this af-

The Yard detectives have now spent four days beingarefused any access to any of the key figures involved in the recent terrorist atrocices. The Yemeni authorities fear the Yard team will uncover embarrassing links with major terrorist groups, including bin Laden, whose family have investments in the country.

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Whelan tipped for job at union

CHARLIE WHELAN, the Chancellor's departing spin-doctor, is upped for a job with the Transport and

General Workers' Union. Rather than turning his back on frontline politics following a turbulent 20 months in the Treasury, the move would allow the controversial Mr Whelan to remain closely in-

volved in the Westminster scene. Speculation about such a move has already prompted fears in government circles that Mr Whelan, blamed by ministers for leaking the details of Peter Mandelson's £373,000 home loan, could use the post to act as a thorn in the GovernA job at the TGWU would keep Brown's former aide in touch, says Roland Watson

source, asked how Downing Street would react if Mr Whelan moved to the TGWU, said "with absolute hor-

Mr Whelan, said by friends to remain very committed to the world of organised labour, indicated yesterday that he was not looking for a lucrative job in the City, despite rumoured six-figure offers.

Another potential avenue - his hopes of securing a job with his beloved Tottenham Hotspur - also appeared to be dashed last night. Alan Sugar, the chairman of the Premier

League club, interrupted a holiday in the United States to say: "I have had no contact with Mr Whelan and I personally cannot conceive of any role for him at Tomenham."

But the possibility of Mr Whelan working for the TGWU is said to have been raised at the highest levels of the union. Bill Morris, the TGWU general secretary, is a close ally of Mr Brown, and the union has been a consistent supporter of the

Mr Whelan is highly regarded in union circles, both for his ideologi-

cal roots on the left - he is a former communist - and for his ability as a backroom fixer while working for the AEU.

However, such a high-profile return to his roots would unsettle. those ministers who want his departure from the Treasury to draw a line both under the affair of Mr Mandelson's home loan and the often bitter personal rivalry between the camp-followers of Mr Brown

and the Prime Minister. Mr Whelan was last night expected to leave his job within days follow-

ing a day of concerted Tory attacks. The Opposition said it was untenable for him to remain in office so close to the March Budget after he had announced his resignation.

In comments interpreted by MPs. as a signal to Mr Whelan not to delay his departure, Peter Killoyle, minister in the Cabinet Office, said he believed the spin-doctor would be leaving "sooner rather than later".

The job of the TGWU's senior press spokesman has been vacant. since the summer and the union is currently undergoing an internal re-

organisation. Mr Morris told The Times last night that the possibility of Mr Whelan working for the winn was a "hypothetical situation". He added: "You are asking me a question out of the blue. We have no need for a press officer and I do the

hiring and firing around here." Mr Whelan, who was unavailable for comment, will need the "agreement of the Crown" before he takes up any job outside Government. The words are included in his contract, as they are for all special advisers employed by ministers. The Crown" in this instance means Sir Andrew Turnbull, the Permanent Secretary at the Treasury.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Unionist rift over Sinn Fein

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One of the smallest parties in the Northern Ireland Assembly split yesterday when four of its five representatives abandoned their leader. The defertors formed the Northern Ire-land Unionist Party, leaving Robert McCartney, the MP for North Down, as the sole voice in the assembly of the UK Unionist Party.

The break was over his call for a walkout if Sinn Fein is admitted to the executive without prior IRA decommissioning. There are now seven Un-

Terrorists foiled

The Continuity IRA - the group not to have declared a ceasefire — was yesterday said to be behind a bungled £500,000 raid on a security van in Dublin. Garda sources believe the terrorists were on a fund-raising mission to sponsor a new wave of terrorism when they ramined a Brinks-Allied security van.

Ward suspect

A second suspect was charged yesterday with the murder of British tourist Julie Ward in the Masai Mara game reserve in Kenya ten years ago. David Kadula ole Nchoko, 28, a former clerk at the reserve, appeared in court in Nairobi before the chief magistrate Peter Mugo. He did not enter a piea but faces the death penalty if convicted.

Born in prison

A woman gave birth to a boy only hours after being jailed for four mouths for dealing in drugs. Sharon Williams, 32. began her sentence in the materroity unit of Fazakerley Hospital after going into labour as she was taken to the cells in Liverpool Crown Court. Williams, who has four other children, will be transferred to a mother and baby unit.

Pellet boy critical

A schoolboy was unconscious last night after he was shot in the head with an airgun pellet **1**, while playing with friends in Clacion. Essex. Richard Bryant, 13, was transferred to a specialist neurological unit after it was found that the pellet was lodged close to his brain. A 14-year-old boy was later arrested on suspicion of causing

Train hits car

A passenger train caught fire after vandals pushed a burn-ing car into its path. There were more than 40 commuters on board, all of whom escaped injury. The two-car-riage train crashed into the stolen car on a level crossing near Cwmbach, South Wales. Flames engulfed one of the carriages, shattering windows and melting seats.

MoD sex case

A senior army officer, cleared of scandalous conduct after an

Muslim protesters will dog Blair's trip to South Africa

TONY BLAIR'S first official visit to South Africa risks being overshadowed by demonstrations by angry Muslims protesting over Britain's deci-sion to join in air attacks on

fraq last month. Mulsims against Global Oppression (MAGO) have threatened to hold a mass demonstration in Cape Town on Thursday, and further protests in other areas.

The group has insisted that they will hound the prime minister throughout his visit, the first to South Africa since Mr Blair gained power. It has made clear that it is totally opposed to the bombing of Iraq and was "disgusted at the killing of innocent women and children." the group's spokes-man has said: "We will hound him wherever he goes."

But Downing Street made clear last night that the prime minister would be taking no extra security personnel with him on his trip, despite fears of mass protests. A spokesman said that Mr Blair had been aware of the threats but had no intention of changing his personal security arrange-

A spokesman said that the South African police would play a large role in ensuring adequate security during the visit and the prime minister was happy to rely on this, said the spokesman.

Demonstrators will hold mass

> meetings against air

strikes, reports Jill Sherman

It is understood that security arrangements in South Africa are always very tight during visits of heads of state or

Mr Blair will be collected this morning from the Sey-chelles where he is holidaying with his wife and family, before flying to Pretoria for the start of his first visit to South Africa since he became prime

The prime minister's spokesman insisted that there would be no extra cost to the taxpayer divert to the Seychelles on a chartered British Airways Jumbo jet.
The aim of the visit is to bid

farewell to the outgoing Presi-dent Nelson Mandela and strengthen ties with Thabo Mbeki, the deputy president who is likely to succed Mr Mandela later this year.

During his visit Mr Blair will have several meetings with Mr Mbeki to discuss new investment and defence orders and an aid package for South Africa and the whole conti-

Mr Blair's spokesman said that the two men would discuss defence orders worth over Elbillion which covered a range of equipment and had alreadty involved extensive nego-

The spokesman also suggested that the trade links between the two countries could be supported by up to £4billion in ex-

trta British investment. The prime minister is determined to further develop Brit-ain's relations with South Africa and Africa as a whole. He will be discussing his government's "Third Way" approach which was similar to some policy thinking in South Africa.

The prime minister will also ask President Mandela to continue applying pressure to per-suade Colonel Gaddati to agree a trial in The Hague for the two Libyans suspected of the Lockerbie Pam Am jet bombs. In addition give Presi-dent Mandela a detailed background on Britain's decision to join the US in the raids on

During his vistit he will also meet British defence advisers who have been helping to reconstruct South Africa's defence forces into a volunteer army capable of playing key

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Eagle off the danger list

THE magnificent white-tailed eagle is back in such mumbers in Scotland that it was removed from the official list of rare birds yesterday.

Britain's largest native bird of prey suffered from the attentions of trophy hunters and sheep farmers to such an extent throughout the 19th century that the population dwin-dled rapidly, with the last pair breeding on Skye in 1916. Only the odd migrant was seen on British shores until 1968, when a project to reintroduce the white-tailed eagle, also known as the sea eagle, was launched on Rhum in the Inner Hebrides using birds

from Norway. The huge birds - scientific name Haliacetus albicilla slowly but surely began to reestablish themselves and breed in small numbers. Now. half a dozen pairs are breeding successfully in a good year - enough for them to be removed from the offical list of the British Birds Rarities

The Savi's warbier is the latest officially endangered bird after numbers plummeted to one or two pairs.



Savi's warbler: endangered

Care in community no threat, say psychiatrists

PSYCHIATRISTS provoked anger yesterday by saying that care in the community had had no effect on the number of murders committed by the

Research by two forensic psychiatrists for the Institute of Psychiatry showed a steady drop in the proportion of murders committed by the mentally ill since the Fifties, despite the closure of mental hospitals and the adoption of communi-

There is a great anxiety that, with the advent of community care, that all of us become much more vulnerable." said Professor Pamela Taylor, one of the report's authors, at a press conference yesterday. The figures simply don't sup-

port that. There is no evidence to support the notion that community care has influenced the figures or made society a more dangerous place."
While around 40 people are killed each year by people with mental disorders, the research-

ers emphasised that around 4,000 died annually on Brit-

Michael Howlett, director of the Zito Trust, said: "To com-pare the chances of being killed by a mentally ill person with the chances of being killed in a car crash is not only meaningless but insensitive to the feelings of families who

have been bereaved. What the death of Jonathan Zito in 1992 exposed in graphic detail was with seriously difficult patients who are abandoned by those responsible for their wel-

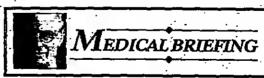
"It is remarkable that psychiatrists, who have been as vociferous as anyone in their criticism of Government policy, should now appear to be saying that root-and-branch re-

form is not necessary." Marjorie Wallace, chief executive of SANE, said: "It benefits no one to ignore the flaws of a system whose failings are exposed time and again when

affair with a Wren, started a sex discrimination case against the Ministry of Desence at Southampton Lieuten-ant-Colonel Keith Pople, 42: was suspended after a court martial. Lieutenant-Commander Karen Pearce, with whom he had the affair, is being considered for promotion.

Shifting views on euthanasia

FORTY years ago, when I was a junior hospital doctor, the care for the elderly and the terminally ill were well under-stood. We didn't need a High Court decision, welcome as the recent one has been, to allow us to use adequate doses of an-algesia to control pain, albeit that the side-effects might shorten the patient's life. However, even if we didn't strive officiously to keep patients alive by overtreating those who



lives had become a misery, we did nothing to shorten a life deliberately when the only objective was the earlier death of the patient. Older doctors are shocked at the idea of deliber-

are patients who are unlikely to make a good recovery but are likely to survive. A probyoung doctor the quality of life of these patients may seem so low as to be not worth keep-

Police check hospital deaths Continued from page 1 up by the British Medical Assowhen the carers have reached the limit of their resources and

ciation in a huge consultation exercise and the association's medical ethics committee hopes to produce practical guidelines when it is complete.

The consultation paper. Withdrawing and Withholding Treatment. asks whether food and drink might be withdrawn from patients such as severely impaired stroke victims as well as those in a persistent vegetative state.

But Dr Craig said: "This is already happening without any regulation whatsoever. Moreover, the BMA are clearly aware of this. It can happen are no longer able to stand pa-tients' problems without anxiety, guilt or anger. A sedative will alter the situation and produce a patient who, if not dead, is at least quiet."

She also spoke about the dangers of grouping together patients who might be misdiagnosed as rerminally ill in institutions where staff are orientated towards death and nonintervention. She cited the case of an elderly man sent to hospital for terminal care with a diagnosis of cancer. The genatrician felt the diagnosis was not well established and found the

main problem was dehydra-tion. With intravenous rehydration and intensive nursing, he recovered and went home for 18 months. Some doctors are concerned

over the distress dehydration can cause even in PVS patients. Dr Anthony Cole, a consultant paediatrician at Worcester Royal Infirmary and chairman of a Roman Catholic ethics committee. said: "There is some scientific evidence that, if the base of the brain is intact, patients will experience thirst even if the higher functions have been lost.

Death from dehydration is

warrant euthanasia by people who believe in it when they are young and active become much more stringens once the person questioned is older and nearer death:

If fluids are withdrawn death is inevitable from dehydration within days. If the patient is conscious the only way

have. Research has shown

that the criteria considered to

of saving them the discomfort. pain and restlessness that would precede their death is to tranquillise them, even if the sedatives prescribed will further hasten their end. If the same sedatives were given as one massive dose nobody would have any doubts that this was enthanasia: and even if they are given in smaller dosend result is the same.
It is ironical that before a

life-support machine can be turned off in the case of someone who, for instance, has suffered an irremediable head injury, the procedures that have to be fulfilled are exhaustive. and the decision is taken at the highest level.

If, on the other hand, fluids are to be withheld so that the patient will surely die, this

Churches turn Che into the Son of God

revolutionary Che Guevara is being used by Britain's Churches to represent Jesus Christ in the latest Easter ad-

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vertising campaign.

The Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church have distanced themselves from the campaign, even though both denominations were represented on the ecumenical group behind it. The poster of Che, who exe-

cuted traitors in the jungle and once said he would "slit the throats of any enemy who falls mio my hands", was also criti-cised by leading evangelicals and traditionalists. One leading bishop said it was especial-ly misleading to portray a revolutionary image given the mealy-mouthed comments" of bishops over the Iraq affair.

For the Churches' campaign, the world-renowned picture of Che Guevara has been overlaid with an image of Jesus from a classical painting to produce a black-on-red post-er designed to help new Christians "discover the real Jesus". The poster has clear overtones of the Alberto Korda photograph that has graced mil-lions of student bedsits and T-

Controversial advert claims

Jesus was a revolutionary reports Ruth Gledhill

shirts worldwide. Intended for church noticeboards, bus stops and advertising hoardings, it says: "Meek and Mild. As If. Discover the Real Jesus.

Church, April 4."
The campaign was master-minded by the same Christian advertising executives who dreamed up the controversial "Bad Hair Day" Christmas campaign. An earlier Easter campaign had to be with-drawn because of copyright problems with the intended slogan, based on the X-Files. Chas Bayfield, of the lead-

ing agency HHICL and Partwhich handles the Britvic Tango account and many others, is one of two advertising executives who donated their time free to draw up the campaign. Mr Baylield,

who worked on the Che poster with Trevor Webb of the agen-CV DMB & B, said: The traditional image of Jesus is a bit of a fairy in a white dress with a halo. The New Testament version is very different. Jesus is actually a revolutionary."

Mr Bayfield is a member of Christians in the Media, a group of about 30 advertising and marketing executives ser up to help the churches promote themselves better. He said he developed the

poster by taking the image of Che Guevara and overlaying a classical painting of Christ he found on an Internet site. "Jesus was an angry man a lot of the time," he said. "He was not all sweetness and light. Those with a Sunday school view of Christianity might be shocked by it but anyone who reads the Bible regu-

larly will not be." The Christians in the Media team was overseen by the Churches Advertising Network, an ecumenical group with representatives from all the mainstream churches.

One member, the Rev Peter Owen-Jones. Haslingfield, Cambridge, and a former advertising executive who was ordained priest in



Church leaders fear that the advertisement, reminiscent of the student posters of Che Guevara, will turn people away from the church

1995, admitted the advertisements were provocative. Referring to the Benetton campaigns, he said there was

no intention on the network's part to cause offence. "We do not want to use shock tactics." But he added: "The traditional Jesus has been seen as this meek and mild, almost ineffectual figure. But he was cruci-

fied for being quite the oppo-

site. We are not saying Jesus was a communist. We are saying Jesus was a revolution-

The Rev Tom Ambrose, of the Ely diocese and a member of the network, said the aim was to encourage people to challenge stereotypes: "We do not want to produce walipaper, we want advertisements

ticed." He said the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, had not been consulted. When he showed the poster to his own Bishop, Dr Stephen Sykes, of Ely, the response was "silence".

The network, set up in 1991 with a low-key advertising campaign in the Oxford diocese, is sending out 50,000 brochures to churches nationwide

urging them to buy the £15 four-sheet posters, or A3 post-ers for £1 each, to put on their noticeboards. The Right Rev Nigel McCul-

loch, Bishop of Wakefield and chairman of the Church of England committee, said: 'There is a big difference between Che Guevara and Jesus. Some churches could bowl them-

selves out just by putting it up." The Right Rev Noel Debroy Jones, Bishop of Sodor and Man and former Chaplain of the Fleet, said he would be advising churches in his diocese not to use it. This is a bad attempt to get people into church. I am not one for little yellow chicks and fluffy things at Easter, but I don't think this poster

Barrister fined for harassing former girlfriend

BY SUSTE STEINER

A SENIOR barrister harrassed a temale colleague with phone calls, letters and misolicited visits in a bid to re ignite their affair, a court beard yesterday. Justin Webster, whin frequently undertook cases for the Crown Prosecution Service, pleaded guilty to barassment charges at Horseferry. Crown Court. He now faces disciplinary action from the Bar Council.

The 37-year-old father of three pursued an affair with fellow barrister Bosmath Sheffi. 30, after the pair first met in April 1995. Stephen Hopkins. prosecuting, told the court that after a break-up in May 1996: Even when Miss Sheffi formed a brief relationship with someone else, he was un-

The affair continued on and off until February last year. Webster was charged with harrassing Miss Sheffi between

February and May 1998. "He telephoned her hundreds of times at all hours of the day and night and repeatedly wrote her letters . . . it was also occasionally abusive and threatening. It caused her great and obvious distress."
Mr Hopkins said.
Webster, of Bayswater, London, once made 23 calls to her

home within two hours. 'He told her be had left a about her at two or three sets

of chambers which she want-ed to join," said Mr Hopkins. Edward Jenkins, defending. said: "It was a very passionate and difficult relationship ... He did not ever seek to wreck Miss Sheffi's career."

Magistrate Christopher Pratt fined Webster £1,200 and banned him from contacting Miss Sheffi for two years.

Police facing mystery of murdered boy

By RICHARD DUCE

CHRISTOPHER SWALES was a 15-year-old boy with everything to live for. He was populas as school and expected to

crams.
Sign his battered body was found on Sunday partially burlett on a beacht at the Lincolnshire resort town of Skegness. police have been facing murder mystery. They have no clues as to how he came to be there. Their main lead is the receipts found on his clothing, which indicate that he spent some of the Saturday night before at a nightclub called The

At the Earl of Scarborough School, which Christopher attended, pupils returned from their Christmas holidays to be told of his murder. Some have been counselled by teachers.

Steven Elliott, head teacher, said yesterday: This really takes your breath away. I remember Chris laughing just before Christmas and now we have to get used to the fact that we're not going to see him

Mr Elliott said that Christopher was a bright, popular boy with a wide circle of friends. He was studying for ten GCSEs and teachers ex-



body partially buried

pecied him to get some of the best results in the school.

It is understood that he had been staying with friends over the New Year weekend so his. family did not consider him to be missing. Security video footage from the nightclub and tapes from cameras around the town centre have been collected for examination by detectives. Detective Superin-tendant Nick Howard, the officer leading the inquiry, said:

"I would appeal to anyone who knows Christopher and saw him on Saturday evening or Sunday morning to contact the police as soon as possible."



Police search for evidence on the beach at Skegness

Drink mother had five children in car

By Russell Jenkins

A WOMAN was three times over the drink-drive limit when her car carrying her five young children in the back ca-reered off the road, crashed into a field and nirned over. A police officer found Helen

Dargue, 32, of Newbiggin-bythe-Sea, Northumberland, wandering dazed and distressed around the field. Her children were lying on a nearby grass verge. Her 11-year-old daughter had a broken arm and the other four, aged between three and 12, complained of cuts and bruises. Dargue, who had been

drinking with her husband earlier in the day, was placed on probation for 18 months, disqualified from driving for two years and ordered to pay £40 costs by magistrates at Bedlington, Nortumberland, on Monday. She had admitted drink-driving.

The accident happened last November when the Renault Savanna car left the AJ89 spine road near Cramlington. A policeman found the car on its roof in a farmer's field. A subsequent breath test

showed that Mrs Dargue had 95 millilitres of alcohol in her blood, 60 millilitres above the legal limit. The court was told that that Mrs Dargue was of good character and was extremely sorry for what she had done. It was entirely out of character.

John Lawson, for Dargue, said that she and her husband had been drinking to forget a "great personal loss" that she had suffered some years ago. A spokeswoman for the Campaign Against Drink Driving suggested that a twoyear driving ban was mild punishment for such a "stupid and irresponsible" action.

Driver 'hung head in shame'

A STOLEN Range Rover that crossed the central reservation of a motorway into the path of a minibus, killing three people, was being driven by a 14-year-old

A survivor yesterday described how the boy sat with his head bowed, unable to look as emergency services battled to free the crash victims from the wreckage, Alicia Clair, a mother of four, said that he later admitted he had been driving.

Still shaken by the crash, Mrs Clair, 53, described the accident in which two wornen workmates and the minibus driver died on Monday. "Everybody was talking to each other about what they did on New Year's Eve and we were really happy and cheerful. I remember somebody shouting, 'Oh, my God.' I looked down the aisle of the bus and through the front longed to a friend of the boy's family and took place on the A3(M).

Helen Johnstone on boy's admission at death crash scene

windscreen and there was a car hurtling towards us." As she and the three boys in the Range Rover was being treated at the scene, she asked the schoolboy if he had been driving."He said 'Yes' and just hung his head down in shame, looking at the ground.

shocked when I found out that he was Hampshire Police yesterday confirmed that the Range Rover, which be-

The driver looked young, but I was so

had been parked outside his home in Clanfield, was reported stolen on Monday afternoon. The driver and two others, aged 15 and 16, from Petersfield, have been released on police bail until March. A spokesman said a full investigation

would be undertaken by accident investigation officers in consultation with the Crown Prosecution Service.

The dead man was yesterday named as Peter Mitchell, 4l, a father of two from Bedhampton. It was later revealed that his brother-in-law only learnt while he was comforting his bereaved sister that his fiancee had also died in the crash.

Kevin Vicars, 24, and Ann Williamson, 30, lived in Southsea. Miss Williamson's colleague, Doris Hale, 41, from Portsmouth, also died in the collision which



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Violent women , attack on quiet

By HANNAH BETTS

battered husband as a henpecked weakling takes a knock in a survey today. - Women attack men where

and when they are most vulnerable: one third of victims featured in the survey were atstacked in their sleep and a quarter kicked in the testicles. One case involved a woman. pouring bleach over her sleeping boyfriend's genitals.

The survey shows that angry women can be just as violent as men. Forty per cent used some kind of weapon to compensate for their relative lack of strength; knives were the instrument of choice, but. hammers, bottles and stiletto shoes also featured. Seventy

THE popular stereotype of the six per cent of the male victims were bigger and stronger than the women who abused them. This may also account for the fact that 89 per cent of male victims felt that the police did not take their complaints seriously: only 7 per cent of women abusers were arrested.

The survey was conducted for the Channel 4 documentary series Dispatches and the results will be screened tomorrow. It was analysed for the programme by Professor Kevin Browne of Birming ham University, a consultant to the Home Office on family violence. He said that it "cer-tainly contains some surprises for those who study domestic violence".

Mints get pets out of a hole

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

FOR a petshop manager flooded out in the storms that battered Scotland this week, one well-known circular sweet will always be known as "the mint with the vole". "

Stuart Sommervill used plastic Super Polo Mint containers as makeshift lifejackets for hamsters and guineapigs trapped in his shop in the Ayrshire coast town of Largs. Mr Sommervill, 31, who

runs Beaks 'n' Squeaks, feared for the lives of his smaller pets as the water rose to his waist and threatened to swainp the cages during 80mph gales that battered Scodand on Monday. Unable to open the petshop door beoutside, he and his menagerie of rabbits, birds, fish, hamsters and guinea pigs were trapped for three hours. After lifting some of the cages to higher shelves and realis-

ing he could not hold up all the pets at once, Mr Sommervill spotted a can of foam and about five packets of Super Polos. In a flash of inspiration be seized on the idea of filling the plastic containers with foam and tying them to the little creatures with string to increase their bouyancy if the worst came to the worst. Mr Somervill and his charg-

es were eventually rescued and yesterday they were safe in the bedroom of his home afcause of the force of the water ter attention with a hairdryer.

I'll do it my way, says new man at Dome

LORD Faiconer of Thoroton yesterday promised to "crack the whip" to get the Millennium Dome ready in time as he visited the site in Greenwich for the first time.

in the first day of his new job as Dome Minister, the peer praised the "immense" work of his predecessor. Peter Mandelson, but insisted that he would do things his way. He spent the day in a series

of briefings, being brought up to date on the progress of the Dome and the work needed to complete the £758 million project on time.

After touring the site, Lord Falconer said it was "very. very impressive", and brushed aside Tory accusations that he had been appointed as a result of his close friendship with Tony Blair. "It's for others to udge what my qualities are." he said. The Prime Minister

Lord Falconer admits Jubilee

Line may not be completed in

time, reports **James Landale**

thought I was the right man for the job, but only time will

tell if he was right."
He added: "I don't think anyone can fill Peter Mandelson's boots. I could never emulate Peter in respect of the work he did for the Dome. I shall just have to do things in my own

Asked if he would be the "ringmaster" that the Dome

it's going to be necessary to crack the whip. But if it is nec-

essary, crack the whip I will."
Although Mr Mandelson
was almost obsessive in his support for the Dome and over the last 18 months did much of the work necessary to get the project up and run-ning. Lord Falconer still faces a substantial in-tray. As the Government share-

holder in the New Millennium Experience Company — which runs the day to day work — he will not take operational decisions. But he is re-sponsible for ensuring that the project is completed on time and fulfils all the Government's aims. He will also have to be the public face of the Dome in Government.

Top of his work list is the need to find more private sponsorship. The company has so



Lord Falconer at the Dome site yesterday: "I don't think anyone can fill Peter Mandelson's boots. I shall just have to do things in my own way

E120 million, short of its target. £30 million

As important are the worries about London Underground's new Jubilee Line, which will link the Dome to the centre of the capital. Many fear it will not be ready in time, yet more than 40 per cent of the 12 million expected visitors are forecast to use the line to reach the site. Although the line is the responsibility of the

Transport Department, Lord Falconer will spend much time urging his colleagues to make sure that it is completed in time. We believe it will be, but I don't think there's anybody in the world who can completely guarantee it."

The peer will also have to en-"zones" within the Dome are completed on time and fit with

Ministers stipulated that they should be educational, inspiring, and that they involve the

whole country.

A fourth job for Lord Falconer's is what to do with the Dome after the millennium celebrations. Several companies have expressed an interest in turning the Dome into a convention centre, a regional sports centre or a massive leisure complex. Four consortia

- including a Hollywood film studio - were yesterday under-stood to have recently proposed turning the site into a film and television production complex. Lord Falconer and Cabinet Office officials will not consider formal bids until

later this month. Lord Falconer will also have to start preparations for the massive New Year's Eve party at the Dome, which is expected

Until 18 months ago, Charlie Palconer was an anonymous harrister who just happened to be a school friend of the Prime Minister. Enobled and thrust into the Government, he has been equally unknown as Solicitor General, then as Cabinet Office Minister.

Yesterday he took his first teps towards becoming a pub-

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on murder charge

A 12-year-old girl has ap-peared before a youth court in Manchester charged with the murder of a 16-month-old toddler. The girl, who cannot be named is accused of fatally in-juring Molly Adams at the child's home in Crumpsall. Manchester, while babysitting last month. The toddler died in hospital from a frac-tured skull and brain injuries. but the girl denies that she deliberately harmed her. She was remanded on bail until February 16.

Hoddle divorced

Hoddle and his wife, Anne, ended yesterday after a court was told that he admitted adultery. The divorce was granted to Mrs Hoddle on the ground that their marriage had intetrievably broken down.

Anglian Water Services was fined £10,000 for supplying unfit water to Halstead in Essex in December 1977 after a burst main and a drop in a reservoir level. One woman found black water coming from her cold tap.

Gem of a man

Police have praised the bonesty of Dave Gilbert, a railway worker who handed in £4,000 worth of stolen jewellery that be found in a bag on the plat-form of the Maidstone West station in Kent. The haul has been returned to its owners.

Burglary shock

A man returned home the day after his wife's death to find that burglars had broken in and stolen her wedding and engagement rings from a cup-board. George Saul, 80, of Bradford, bad been married to Elsie, 79, for 58 years.

Coin identified

An Anglo-Saxon gold coin found near Gloucester has been identified as a thrysma. It differs from five similar coins discovered at Crondail, Kent, in 1828 because the letters around the edge are thought to

Runaway couple spotted on train

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

THE police hunt for the rimaway couple who vanished with their two foster children moved to the tourist areas of North Yorkshire yesterday atter they were seen on a scenic

steam railway. Jeffrey Bramley, 34, and his wife, Jennifer, 35, were noticed by a volunteer ticket collector sitting in a railway carriage with the girls. The collector, the Rev Jack Cooper, said that the older girl, five-year-old Jade Bennett, had been screaming and her sister, Han-

nali, three, appeared restless. Detectives have been searching for the missing "family" since they disappeared from their home in Ramsey. Cambridgeshire, four months ago after the couple's application to become permanent adoptive parents had been turned

Mr Cooper, 54, telephoned police on Monday to tell them that he had seen saw a family answering the Bramleys' description on the 1.50pm train from Grosmont, near Whitby. on Saturday. The four travelled through the Esk Valley and across the North York Moors before getting off the train at Pickering, about 15 miles from York, about 3pm. Mr Cooper said that the children's tantrums had annoyed other train passengers. "The couple seemed madequate. She was just sitting there watching and he was trying to get them to be quiet but did not seem able to be making much of a job of it. The chil dren looked all right," he said. The only reason I noticed there was because, quite blunt-

ly, the children were a damned nuisance.": Mr Cooper told the girls a story about how noisy children frightened sheep. This seemed to calm them down but neither of the adults appeared happy about the

intrusion. Detective Sergeant Mark Nicholson, who is leading the search, said that the couple had most likely been living in bed and breakfast hotels in the York area, but that police feared they may become desperate as their money began to

Passenger tried to open jet door

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, AVIATION CORRESPONDENT

A DRUNKEN passenger on a transatiantic jet tried to open an exit door at 30,000 feet as cabin crew and other passengers struggled to restrain him. Witnesses said the man, a 31-year-old Scot. went "berserk", lashing out and injur-ing a crew member and three passengers. The incident, on board a Continental Airlines flight to Gatwick, was described by police there as one of the worst cases of air rage

they had dealt with. The aircraft's second officer was called from the flight deck to try to subdue the man, who broke free and tried to open the rear door. Although locking systems and pressurised cabins should make it impossible to open an exit door in flight, any threat to do so can be deemed an offence.

Action intended to endanger life is among the most serious of two years' imprisonment' and a £5,000 fine.

Police at Gatwick were alerted as the aircraft, flying from Newark, New Jersey, approached the airport on Monday night. By the time it had landed staff had managed to subdue the man and secure him to his seat using hand-cuffs, which are carried by most airlines on long-haul

A man was released on bail. by Sussex police last night

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Doctors cleared of killing cancer boy

Mother attacks decision to drop case, write Tim Jones and Alex O'Connell

WO senior doctors were cleared yesterday of the man-slaughter of a 12-year-old cancet victim as an Old Bailey judge condemned Great Ormond Street Hospital for Childrèn for a "chapter of accidents and misunderstandings". Richie William, who had

been given a 75 per cent chance of surviving chemother-apy, died in agony five days af-ter a drug was injected into his spine instead of a vein.

Charges against John Lee, 34, a specialist registrar in pae-diatric anaesthetics, and Dermot Murphy. 34, a registrar in haematology, were withdrawn after an important prosecutionwitness changed his mind over their degree of culpability:

After the decision, the boy's ... manded of him". ... Later Professor who is pursuing a civil claim for damages, said: "Instead of helping him to recover from his illness, Richie was injected with a drug that killed him. We expect hospitals to help to cure our children, not give them treatment that kills."

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couple

Spotted

on train

Mrs William, of Catford. southeast London, who has two older daughters, added: We are still devastated by the way Richie died. He suffered a great deal of pain in the days before his death because of the negligent treatment he received. The doctors never personally apologised to me, Richard's dad or his sister. It

would go a long way." The Crown Prosecution Service had relied on the evidence of a prosecution witness, Alan Aitkenhead, in its decision to stailures that had led to the press charges against the two



duct over the injection had fallen "seriously and significantly: below that which could be de-

·Later Professor Aikenhead. Professor of Anaesthetics at Nothingham University, decided that significant failures in the system operated by the hospital at the time had greater responsibility than he had first

As a result, the CPS was advised to drop the prosecution. because it was unlikely to secure a conviction. Yesterday. the two men were found not. guilty by the Recorder of London, Judge Michael Hyam.

Richard Horwell, for the time of the incident, in July 1997. Richie was in his 14th week of intensive treatment and was about to have his last course of chemotherapy. Mr Horwell told the court that there had been a number of boy's death. Before the fatal in-



Delores and Richie William, who died aged 12

cuit while at Lewisham Hospital, which meant he had to wait six hours before he could receive a general anaesthetic at Great Ormand Street. By the time his fast had ended. the senior registrar who was due to administer the chemotherapy was off duty.

His case was taken over by Dr Lee, a specialist registrar in paediatrics and anaesthetics. who had never administered

chemotherapy into the spine. Mr Horwell said one of the two drugs used. Vincristine, could be taken only intravenously and, il injected into the spine, invariably proved fatal. At Great Ormand Street.

Richie, instead of being admit ted to the Lion Ward, which specialised in such freatment, as taken to the more general Nuffield Ward. From there, a nurse wrongly sent Vincristine to the operating theatre in spite of a rule that stated it should never be allowed in. Mr Horwell said: "If it had not been sent to the theatre, Richie would not have died." Robert Greighton, the hospi-

tal's chief executive, said the two doctors had been suspended and would now be subject to an inquiry. Its conclusions would be sent to the General Medical Council, which would review their position.

A spokesman for Great Or mond Street said it had taken steps to improve communication and clinical procedures.



Dr Lee, left, and Dr Murphy, from Great Ormond Street, were cleared of manslaughter at the Old Bailey yesterday

Cut out and stick on your office door

Dear Colleagues,

This Thursday I will be leaving the office at 8.00pm at the latest. Not 8.30pm, not 8.15pm, not even 8.01pm, but 8.00pm.

This gives me a whole hour in which to get home and secure a good seat for the new series of Friends and ER. I regret any inconvenience this may cause but unfortunately it's unavoidable.

Pair must wait to know fate

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specialised jobs. If they are found guilty by the tribunal, the case may be: referred to the General Medi-. cal Council to decide whether they should be struck off the medical register, but that is un-

Peter Tomlin, secretary of the Society of Clinical Psychia-. trists, which champions the cause of suspended doctors; aid that the continuing suspension was another example of the "unfair double jeopardy"

rees doctors will continue to... sion: He has a report out to-e suspended from duty until morrow looking at the cases of an NHS tribunal. Only if there over the past id years. It shows are cleared by the tribunal will that the average cost of success they be able to resume their fully prosecuting one doctor is specialised jobs.

"Only one doctor in six of those who are suspended is ever found to have been in the pended without justification can have a career ruised after likely to happen now they spending years waiting for the have been cleared by the NHS to make up its mind, he

"An impocent person loses, his income, has a reputation smeared and yet has no recompense. The longer the case, the worse the injustice, and some cases can drag on for years

Scientists discover cancer protector

BY IAN MURRAY

A WAY of making cancer cells commit suicide has been devel-oped by scientists who believe the discovery could lead to a new generation of drugs to tackle the disease.

A team from Brunel University in West London, has found a way of neutralising the enzyme that protects cancer cells from the natural ageing process that destroys nor-

Robert Newbold, who led the research, said: "An international race to find this natural inhibitor has been running for many years and this latest distinct has really put British scientists a step ahead."

Normally, old or damaged

cells stop dividing and self-destruct in order to prevent any mutations being duplicated and growing into rumours. However, cancer cells comain an enzyme called "telomerase" which overrides this natural process, so they ignore the selfdestruct messages and contin-ue to multiply indefinitely.

Reporting the findings in today's issue of the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, Professor Newbold says they have now discovered a way of switching off the enzyme so that the normal process takes over. The next stage will be to and ways to mimic the group of genes that effectively control the natural ageing process of cells. It is hoped this will lead. to the synthetic production of drugs to block telomerase and

Warning after more meningitis deaths

BY A CORRESPONDENT

HEALTH experts warned the public to be vigilant for the symptoms of meningitis after two more deaths from the disease were confirmed yesterday.

At least nine deaths from meningitis have been reported over Christmas and the new year, with most of the victims children or teenagers.

The Meningitis Trust said: "Sadly, the reports we are seeing are pretty typical. December or early January are the peak times for meningitis cases. You might see an increase from the average 38 cases a week to around 70 cases."

Meningitis can be passed from one person to another by sneezing, coughing or kissing. The trust spokeswoman said the increase in colds over the winter months made people especially vulnerable. "It's important people are vigilant at this time of year. They need to be alert for the signs of meningins and contact a doctor as

soon as symptoms appear." It was confirmed yesterday that a five-month-old boy from Dinas Powys, near Car-diff, had died in Cardiff's University Hospital from the serious meningococcal strain. A 42-year-old woman, from Taff's Well, near Cardiff, died

in East Glamorgan Hospital Symptoms of meningitis inchude severe headache, vomiting, joint and muscle pains and an aversion to bright light A rash that does not disperse under pressure indihalt the growth of tumours. mia, the most dangerous form.



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New series of Friends and ER. Thursday 7th January from 9pm. See it first on Sky One.



The Thatcher theory of women's success

Study shows female managers go to great lengths to appear more macho than men, writes Alexandra Frean

management theory, which

holds that women should be

given a fast track to promotion

because the supposedly inher-

ent female abilities to commu-

nicate well, work as a team.

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Although the number of women managers has risen

dramatically - from 2 per

cent in 1973 to 18 per cent in

1998 — some larger companies

have launched affirmative ac-

tion programmes to speed up

business performance.

WOMEN who succeed as managers do not do so because of their feminine characteristics, such as sensitivity and warmth. According to new research, they do well because they adopt an aggres-

sive, macho personality.

A four-year study of the psychological make up of more than 1,200 managers has found that the basic differences between the sexes in the general population are largely non-existent among managers. The survey contradicts claims this week by the style writer Peter York, who said his own studies had found that women managers displaying motherly qualities were more successful.

Tuvia Melamed, an occupanonal psychologist and senior consultant for the recruitment consultancy Capita Ras. who conducted the research, said that women managers not only had to behave like their male colleagues to succeed, but also frequently had to be tougher and meaner.

"Gender matters very little," he said. "What characterises managers most is that they are tough-minded, macho and socially bold. Many of the wom-en we studied said they felt they had to be more like a man than men. Forget about the caring, sharing Nineties and politNET LINKS

http://www.capitagroup. com Capita Ras site http://www.bitc.org.uk/ ical correctness. That just does opportunity2000/index. not work - toughness does." The findings, presented at a British Psychological Society conference in Blackpool yesterday, fly in the face of current htm Opportunity 2000 site http://www.bps.org.uk The British Psychological Society

the pace of change. BT has ap-pointed a "gender champion" to promote equal opportunities within the company. Shell has pledged to increase the number of senior women managers from 4 per cent to 20 per cent over five years.

The practical implications of Dr Melamed's research are far-reaching and raise serious questions about the relevance of setting such quotas for numbers of female managers. The survey is based on inter-

TIDY DESK SHOWS A NEGATIVE MIND

People who spend a lot of time arranging the objects on their desks to ensure that they are "just right" before they start work are neither lazy or sick, but are victims of negative avoidance syndrome. Robert Briner, a lecturer in occupational psychology at Birkbeck College, London, said that, when workers procrastinated or spent excessive time on relatively easy tasks rather than tackle more difficult or larger tasks, it was usually because they were trying to avoid being told off or being embarrassed in front of colleagues. Mr Briner suggests in a study that managers should try to identify the specific negative outcome that employees are trying to avoid and redesign their jobs to include more positive goals.

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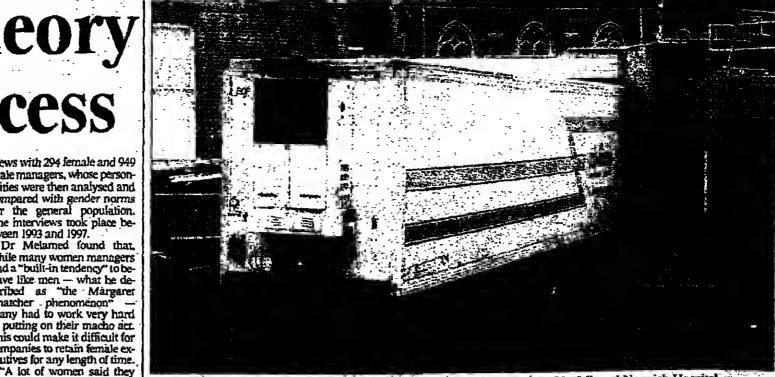
views with 204 female and 940 male managers, whose personalities were then analysed and compared with gender norms for the general population. The interviews took place be-tween 1993 and 1997.

Dr Melamed found that, vhile many women managers had a "built-in tendency" to behave like men — what he de-scribed as "the Margaret Thatcher phenomenon" — many had to work very hard at putting on their macho act. This could make it difficult for companies to retain female ex-

ecutives for any length of time.

had difficulties with having to act tough and there was a higher level of stress among wornen managers than men." Dr Melamed said. "A lot of women said that it frequently made them question what they were doing with their lives and wonder if they should be doing something else."

Equal opportunities cam-paigners described Dr Melamed's research as unhelpful. Ann Chant, director of Opportunity 2000, the national campaign started in 1991 to increase the quality and quantity of women's participation in the workforce, said: "Our campaign research and our own member companies' experience shows that it is absolutely not the case that women have to behave like men to succeed. Women and men have very different styles, each of which can be very valuable. Surely a mix



The refrigerated lorry being used as a temporary mortuary by the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital

Dobson fears NHS could not cope with flu epidemic

FRANK DOBSON, the Health Secretary, admitted yesterday that the National Health Service would find it difficult to cope with a flu epi-

He spoke as one hospital admitted that the current out-break had forced it to hire a refrigerated lorry to store the dead because the 80 body refrigerators in its mortuary

However, while bospitals in all areas but the South and Warning as hospital hires mobile mortuary, reports Ian Murray

vinter pressures and cancelling all but urgent operations. the outreak is still far from reaching epidemic propor-tions. New figures due out, possibly today, are expected to show an increase in numbers of flu victims, but they will still be well below the official epidemic level of 400 cases per 100,000 people seen by doctors

Mr Dobson admitted that the NHS was under severe pressure. Staff were at full stretch, doing an excellent job of handling high numbers of cases, he said, but, if there were an epidemic, "it would be very difficult to cope".

diesel-powered mobile cold store has been fitted out for the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital with racks for 36 bodies: It is expected to be needed for at least another two weeks to cope with an unusually high number of deaths, particularly among frail, elderly people, who are especially susceptible to flu. The hospital, which has cancelled all non-emergency operations to make the maxi-mum number of beds availa-ble for flu patients, has been warned that eight out of ten families in the Norfolk area are likely to develop flu, cold or cough symptoms this winter.

The holiday period has

made the situation worse because fewer funerals have taken place. Peter Moffat, spokesman for the hospital, said: The rise in the number of deaths coincided with fewer funeral directors arriving at the hospital to collect bodies for burial and cremation. We ran out of capacity in our mortuary so we had to bring in a semporary mobile refrigerated

unit to help with cold storage." Malcolm Stamp, chief executive of the hospital trust, said: The public can be assured that the deceased are treated with the utmost respect by our staff, who are working under extreme pressure. The hospital has a purpose-built room for relatives and friends to view

As the number of cases begins to rise, many other hospi-tals have taken the precaution. of cancelling all but emergene, cy operations. Among those down ing so is New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton where

many staff have been working double shifts throughout the the Sandwell Health Anthori-4 ty area in the West Midlands. Walsall Manor Hospital had-278 emergency admissioner over four days, 100 more than

ceive the same level of service.

on the same week a year ago.

However, in the North Mest
of England, things are improving. A spokesman for the regional health authority said:
"It is still extremely busy, with
a lot of sixthess about, but the severe pressure of last week does appear to be easing Mr Dobson yesterday gave details of the 2,200 schemes for

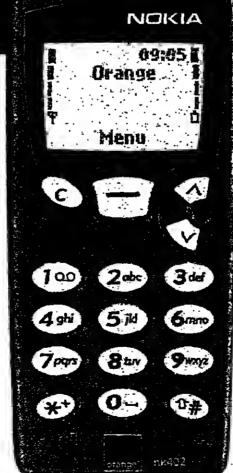
be funded by the £159 million announced in November. Many focus on helping the frail and elderly and include funding for community mirses and emergency response teams.

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present it holds only 14.832 units - less than 11/2 days' supply - and demand is outstripping supply. Reserves fell by 2,500 units in the 24 hours up

to yesterday morning. The shortage of O-group supplies is particularly worrying. Although 46 per cent of the population needs this group, there are only 3,098 units in the available stocks.

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Helen Johnstone on campaign that raised £350,000 in just over a year

VILLAGERS have saved a medieval green from development after their campaign backed by the Prince of Wales, raised the £350,000 needed to

buy it in just over a year.
Residents in Kingsland,
Herefordshire, which has a
population of 1,000 and dates from the 7th century, were in-censed at plans for 13 houses and parking for 34 cars, ob-tructing views of the adjoin-ing 12th-century castle and 13th-century church.

They sold everything from marmalade to manure to raise the £350,000, which they reached with the aid of a bank loan of £94,000 and interestfree loans totalling £120,000. The remainder was raised through events organised by the Kingsland Millennium Green Trust. The Prince donated a set of table mats, which raised £125 at one auction, and the Bishop of Hereford, the Right Rev John Oliver, offered lunch at the House of Lords.

from the 11/2-acre site when a group of local businesswomen approached the Birminghamwith a plan to buy it back for the village. They were given a week to gauge local opinion, which resulted in 98 per cent of

residents supporting their plan. Within 24 hours Patricia Pethercray, 51, organised a public meeting, at which it was agreed to ask the developer to allow a month for a proposal to be put together. She said yesterday: "I'd heard about the plans to put up a housing estate a few weeks earlier, and I was incensed I thought that the best way to save the green would be to buy it, but I had no idea how to until a local dignatory told me about the Countryside Com-mission Millenium Fund."

The Countryside Commission backed the project with a grant of £55,000 from the Millennium Green Fund; other do nations from environmental Workmen had already began trusts totalled £42,000. Jim excavating 600 tonnes of soil Langridge, of the Midlands



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Katie Eastaugh, left, with other members of the Kingsland Millennium Green Trust, which raised £350,000 to buy the village green from developers

branch of the Countryside Commission, said yesterday: "We had more than 100 applications for grants from the Mil-lennium Green Fund, but we found that this bid was one of the more businesslike and organised. Plus, we couldn't help but be impressed by the villagers' enthusiasm and energy.

Normally it takes two to three

months to put a bid together, but these ladies did it in a conple of weeks."

Mrs Pethercray, chairman of the trust and an education consultant who has lived in the village for 16 years, said people had been prepared to sit in front of the bulldozers to save the green, one of few revillage. "By October we'd held about 40 fundraising events which raised £12,000, and after seven months we had raised £212,000.

Prince Charles donated a set of table mats depicting some of his paintings, and a friend at the BBC took four people on a tour of the studios for £320. We're probably the last bastion of old-fashioned rural life in Herefordshire and we want it to stay that way." She added that villagers had was founded." to continue fundraising to re-

pay the money owed. Katie Eastaugh, 31, a trustee, said yesterday. The green appeared as an orchard on maps going back to the 16th century.

rians that the green must have been there since the village

Stuart Harper, managing director of Beeches Two, said: doubted they would succeed in raising that kind of money." He added: "I take my hat off to them. We've lost a site,

Viewers like new look of TV news

By Carol Midgley MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

REVAMPED versions of the heavyweight television news programmes, Newsnight and Channel 4 News, attracted nearly half a million more viewers this week.

BBC2's Newsnight, which has been redesigned to give a more viewer-friendly look, im-proved its ratings from an average 1.1 million to 1.4 million when it unveiled its new image on Monday night. On the same night, Channel 4 News, whose set has undergone a facelift that includes purple sofas and orange desks, attracted 900,000 viewers compared with its usual 800,000. The BBC and ITV both

claimed victory in the ratings for news programmes during 1998. Broadcasters' Audience Research Board figures show that the BBC's Six O Clock News was the most popular programme, with an average of 5.8 million viewers. ITN's early evening news programme attracted 4.3 million. However, ITN's News at Ten. to be axed in the next few weeks, proved to be the most popular nighly news pro-gramme with an average audience of 5.7 million. This com-pared with 5.2 million for the Nine O Clock News.

□ Vanessa Feltz, who left ITV for the BBC after being refused a salary of £2.5 million, attracted under a million viewers when The Vanessa Show was launched on Monday.

Big Brother cleans up 'high-rise slums'

equipment has helped to rejuvenate some of Britain's worst council tower blocks and may have carned a reprieve for others facing demolition.

Brian McGrail, of the Open University, told the Royal Georaphical Society - Institute of British Geographers confertechnology on society. ence in Leicester yesterday that closed-circuit television cameras had had a remarkable effect on estates in Edin-burgh and Glasgow that were once seen as high-rise slums made uninhabitable by criminal tenants. On one Edinburgh estate. Gracemount, which has three high-rise blocks, about 40 per cent of tenants left within a year of the cameras being installed because they were using the flats as a base for crime or benefit fraud. However, the flats were quickly relet to more law-abiding. tenants, including hard-to-let Found-floor flats, which had

"These blocks were the worst I had seen" said Dr Me-Grail, who carried out the research as part of an Economic. and Social Science Research

been boarded up.

NIGEL HAWKES at the geographers' conference

Council programme measuring the effects of information

lass and rubbish everywhere The lifts had been neglected, and the area around the blocks was ugly. When I was last there, in August, every-thing had changed. Aestheti-cally it looked a lot better, as the ground floors were let. Previously nobody would live in them. The blocks had been painted, money spent on maintentance, and the tenants were

The technology that makes such changes possible include closed-circuit television cameras, which feed pictures to a concierge, who can also monitor the comings and goings of the tenants by records made every time they use their keys; and a direct link from every flat to the concierge by fibre-optic cable so that tenants can make

immediate contact if problems The monitoring of move-ment soon makes it clear if

any tenants are not actually living in their flats, but merely using them as "Giro drops", postal addresses for Giro cheques to which they are not entitled. It can also indicate whether a tenant is ill and has

days.
"The majority of tenants are in favour of the changes," Dr McGrail said. "Those who aren't have left. Those who live there now say they feel more secure, are more willing to chat to neighbours or get into

Most of Britain's tower blocks were built between 1955 and 1974, but disenchantment with them set in in the 1980s. With many planners feeling that that the social problems that plagued many of them were incurable, demolition seemed the only option. Some have been knocked down, but the cost of demolition - about £500,000 per block — is often prohibitive.

"Housing departments are reluctant to spend that sort of money when it could be used for the direct benefit of other tenants," Dr McGrail said. Tower blocks are also expensive to run, costing more than they produce in rents, so selling them to private developers is seldom an option.

Dr McGrail believes that

the benefits of surveillance technology are such that many tower blocks could now be kept in use for another 30 years or so. While never likely to be the Utopia that some architects envisaged, he said, they did have a future.



Cameras cut crime on Edinburgh's Gracemount estate

flexible hours

FLEXIBLE working pat-terns, which the Government sees as the key to pre-Sterving family life, result in people seeing less of their families than before, the conference was told. Diane Perrons, of the Lon-

don School of Economics, studied patterns of work in supermarkets for the Europe an Commission and found that, while flexible working gave many advantages to employers, reducing overtime payments and National Insurance costs, the benefits to those employed were less

apparent. On the positive side, it gave women an opportunity to get into the labour force, with working hours that enabled them to look after their children. The drawback was that parents never had any time to spend together. "One comes home and the other goes off," Dr Perrons said.

Pitfalls of Ice Age may be **50,000** years late

MANMADE global warming may postpone the arrival of the next lee Age, the conference was told. Instead of ice spreading down across Scotland and the North of England within the next 55,000 years, the deep freeze may be delayed for a further 50,000 years or more, Paul Burgess, of the University of East Anglia, said.

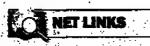
The ice will certainly come, however, as a result of changes in the Earth's orbit, tilt and precession — the process by which the seasons shift slowly over time.

Using a computer model developed at the University of Louvain in Belgium, Mr Burgess and his colleagues Jean Palutikof and Clare Goodess combined these long term cy-cles with the burning of lossil fuels, which produces the carbon dioxide that contributes

to global warming.
Mr Burgess said that, using carbon dioxide levels found in ice cores, the model correctly identified the extent of the last glacial maximum, when ice spread over Scotland and much of northern England and Wales.

Given natural levels of carbon dioxide, the model prediets a similar ice coverage in 55,000 to 60,000 years. Factoring in manmade global warming at moderate levels delays the growth of ice, but when growth starts it is much swifter and a complete glaciation is achieved on the same time-

Only if extreme global warming is assumed is there any delay to glaciation, but it will still occur about 110,000 years from now.



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Crofters must use lottery cash to buy lairds' land

SNP says 'cheapskate' changes in Scottish estate law are tailored for urban voters, writes Fraser Nelson

NATIONAL Lottery money is to be used instead of public funds to help Scottish communities to buy estates from their lairds. But they will have to raise most of the money them-

The reforms, announced yesterday in Edinburgh, will end almost 900 years of feudalism and will give the Government powers to evict absentee and neglectful landowners. Ministers said the powers are intended as a deterrent and would seldom or never be used.

Crofters will be given first refusal on any land that comes on the market. Lord Sewel, the Scottish Office minister heading the Government's Land Reform Committee, said that communities seeking to buy es- be a lottery or be tied in with a

tates can expect only the new Land Fund, created with lottery money, to top up privately However, he said that they

would have their task made easier by the proposals. The money available from the Land Fund will be enough to put the final pieces on a bid. It will not be covered with public

The plans drew criticism from the Scottish National Party, which accused Lord Sewel of a drawing up a "cheapskate" version designed to appeal to urban voters. Rob Gibson, a member of the SNP Na-tional Executive, said: "We are talking about people's lives here. We don't think it should lottery; it needs state funds. Labour is obviously not taking the issue seriously." The lonery commissioners

have already rejected four appeals to fund community buyouts: two for the island of Eigg, and for the estates of Knoydart and Abriachan, The Scottish Landowners Federation, which represents

80 per cent of lairds, attacked plans to evict bad landowners. Andrew Dingwall-Fordyce. its convener, said: This is opening up a homet's nest which will end in the European Court. If the community decides it doesn't like its owner, why should he have his land taken away if he is doing the best he can?

Lord Sewel said: "These



wers will be used very rarely indeed but they have to be there. We didn't have to use nuclear weapons, thank God, but

we needed to have them." Murdo Fraser, Tory spokes-mari on land reform, said: The Scottish Office are simply playing old fashioned class-war politics - the lairds are an easy target."

Government officials are to put a price on any large estate

community raises enough it will be given the right to buy. even if a rival bidder offers

twice as much.

The proposals, which will not become law until passed. by the Scottish parliament, which convenes in July, include a register of land ownership, although Lord Sewel admitted that it would not be comprehensive.

Proposals to end tax breaks on estates used for deer stalking and salmon fishing were rejected by the Land Reform Committee as needing "further study", allaying the lairds greatest fear.

The most surprising decision is that the Government will not buy land on the open market for transfer to smallholders. Originally the committee had indicated it would.

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Holiday village may put reform to 1011bt in the test the test

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

OWNERS of holiday homes believe that they could be the first to benefit from compulso ry purchase powers outlined by the Government yesterday. More than 100 families are facing eviction from their wooden chalets at Carbeth Esate, in Stirling, after an

18-month dispute over rent rises imposed by the laird. Allan Barns-Graham. They are attempting to orof 180 acres of the 1.000 acre estate although the land is not for sale if their offer is turned down, they will ask the Government to intervene and buy the land on their behalf as

The Carbeth huts were built 80 years ago. The laint at that time, also called Allari Barns-Graham, invited local people to construct the simple huts for a nominal ground rent.

The buts, which have no right to remain oo the estate was enshrined in the old laird's will before he died in 1957. Eighteen months ago his grandson began eviction atfused to pay a 42 per cent rise charges, taking the total to about £1,000.

The hutters claim that Mr Barns-Graham wants to price them off the estate to make way for a more lucrative tour-ist development. Mr Barns-Graham has not commented.

The hutters have won the

backing of the Scottish Landowners Federation for their buyout, although it would belikely to object to the use of compulsory purchase. Historic Scotland, the Government's heritage agency, recommended recently that the village be made into a conservation area, Calum MacDonald, Scottish Local Government Minis-

ter, has also backed them: Chris Ballance, Hutters Association chairman, said Carbeth could be used as a test case if the community offer -which will be made by Easter and financed by a commercia Scottish parliament will need an early test if the legislation is not to be toothless." Mr Bal-

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Modern vassals labour under the legacy of an ambitious king

SCOTLAND'S feudal system is the only remaining legacy of David I — an ambitious but ultimately onsuccessful 12thcentury monarch.

His attempt in 1138 to invade England and claim the throne for his niece. Matilda. was aborted, but his peculiar rules of land ownership lookset to govern his country into the third millennium. The system he created

"from the sky to the centre of the earth" - albeit shared with many other owners under a hierarchy of duty. The first is God. in Scottish

legal theory the head of the feudal structure and the ultimate authority from whom property rights are derived. Second is the Crown, God's subordinate. The Queen is still the Paramount Superior of Scottish land, and all no-bles are her vassals. In theory, they subordinate their property rights to her. Crown Estates owns 94,015 acres of Scotland. and Her Majesty's Govern-ment owns a further 10 per

cent of the country. Anyone under the Crown, from the laird to the crofter, is a vassal. A vassal's boss is known as his superior, and retains feudal powers over those to whom they rent or sell land. Today's highest-ranking superiors are the earls who grace society parties in Scotland and London. Their positions were created by the early Scottish kings, who gave land to chiefs of clans and their Anglo-Norman friends in order to consolidate power. In medieval Scotland, the superiors could be stripped of their land at any time, but they could also do the same to their

Superiors come in three sizes. First are the Great Landlords, who derive most of their wealth and income from the land. The Duke of Bucfamily has held the land for generations and he has every interest in conserving it. Next are the lairds, who are

the target of this year's land reforms. After the Battle of Culloden in 1745, land could be sold without permission from the superior. Scotland was, in effect, for sale and relatives of the artistocracy and husinessmen from London became lairds by claiming huge chunks of the country.

During the following century, many lairds evicted entire communities to make way for sheep, taking advantage of the enormous growth in de-



David I: established the hierarchy of ownership

mand for wool and meat in London. The enduring hitterness over the Highland clearances underpins the land de bate in modern Scotland.

At the bottom of the heap lies the tenant, usually a sim-ple smallholder or crofter who ives and works on the land. Today no superior ever asks

for military aid from his vassals, but other feudal rights are still asserted from time to time. One example is, the 6th Earl Granville, the Queen's godson and laird of North Uist He still has the power to levy royalties on any income from busioesses operating on the shores of his Outer Hebridean estate, and invoked his ancient right to tax the collec-



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Euthanasia claims sow doubt in families' minds

FOR ten years, Queenie Smith watched her husband slowly losing his mind. At the end of his long descent into senility. she took comfort from the knowledge that she had done

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everything she could for him. She visited Ernest in a psychiatric ward at Kingsway Hospital, Derby, three times a week. On the day he died she was at her 92-year-old husband's bedside, holding his hand as he stared vacantly

But whatever peace of mind she drew from her unwavering devotion was destroyed last year when sinister allegations about the Rowsley psychogeriatric ward appeared in the local press. Nurses at the hoslocal press. Nurses at the hospital had claimed that patients on the ward were being allowed to die slowly from hunger and dehydration. Senior. colleagues, they alleged, were withdrawing food and water from patients without proper authorisation, leaving them fatally weakened and vulnerable to secondary conditions such as pneumonia.

The implication, according to one source, was that some staff on Rowsley ward were hastening patients to their deaths by placing them on "nil-by-mouth" regimes, claiming that they were at risk of choking. One source at the hos-

Michael Horsnell and Peter Foster on fears aroused by a police inquiry into the deaths of geriatric patients

gime amounted to euthanasia. The police took the allegations seriously and launched a full investigation in November 1997. For more than a year, a team of eight or nine detectives, some with experience in murder investigations, have been examining medical records and interviewing nurses, doctors and distinguished the configuration of

The death certificates of more than 40 patients who died at Kingsway Hospital bet-ween October 1993 and summer 1997 have been examined by police, and three nurses have been suspended pending the outcome of the investiga-

DERBY tion, which is expected to be

completed by spring. Although all 600 staff at the hospital have been told not to speak about the investigation, it has emerged that, four months before the police inquiries began, the Southern Derbyshire Mental Health Trust and almost heart as in Trust had already begun an in-ternal investigation into nurs-ing practices on the ward. The

inquiry produced a lengthy

"action plan", obtained by The

Times, which details strict pro-cedures for dealing with pa-

reassured and, according to another source, went to police with a list of 15 names. A source who was among those pressing for a full police investigation said: "You would see patients who came in look-ing in good shape, but they would have one momentary choking fit and suddenly they were bedridden and going downhill fast. They were given nil by mouth and no drips. It was a painful death, being left to dehydrate slowly." For 79-year-old Mrs Smith.

Kingsway Hospital, Derby, scene of the investigation

are almost impossible to believe. All say they found the staff on the ward unfailingly attentive. Whenever she arrived on visits. Mrs Smith rechoking. According to a source called, her husband was cleanshaven and immaculately dressed in shirt and tie. The tients were being placed on nil-by-mouth regimes too of-ten and too early, and some re-sorted to smuggling in food to help alling patients. ward itself was refurbished in the early 1990s and had a sit-ting room, dining area and well-appointed dormitory.

The allegations have, howev-

er, left lurking doubts in the minds of some relatives. Nan-cy Jowett, 81, whose husband, Sidney, a former chief of the Derbyshire Fire Service, died on the ward in February last year, has always supported the staff, but admitted: "When you are not in the Imedical? profession you accept what is going on in the wards. We have been living with this for a year. It's terrible, it puts doubts into your mind."

For now, the relatives of those who died on Rowsley ward can only wait for the results of the police investiga-tion. Having placed their trust in the nursing staff, most have only good stories to tell. But after watching their husbands. father or brothers suffer such lingering deaths, the possibility that their trust was cruelly abused is too much to bear.



While there is life there is hope, insist grieving relatives

tients suspected to be at risk of

close to the investigation, sever-

al nurses believed that pa-

It is clear from the report that relations among staff

broke down as disagreement

over the nil-by-mouth practice

spread. The introduction to the report concludes: "We

hope that trusting relation-ships can be re-established,

but we realise that this will

take time." some staff were not

Mary Dalley, 83, was a kindly, outgoing woman who had brought up two children and was much cherished by her grandchildren. She was admitted to Queen Mary's Hospital in. Sideup, somheast London, in severe pain from a duodenal ulcer caused by diurenes prescribed for ésteoarthrius and by aspirin for

angina, which she was later found not to have, She died a month later plaint before the General Medical Count "Queen Mary's Sideup Trust, said: "There cil, was deliberately induced dehyditation. was a complaint received which was fully after a misdiagnosis of brain damage. dealt with at the time and we went Mis. Dalley haemorrhaged so severely ; through a full complaints procedure."

mioutes, five days after ber admission, that she went into shock and scarcely spoke for a week. Doctors diagnosed

brain damage, despite the protests of her daughter, Pat Prange, and the evidence that she had begun to talk in sentences again. Five doctors have been named in the complaint by Mrs Prange, 55. Jackie An-

from the ulcer while left unat- Robert Byatt, 69, was taken to tended on a commode for 50 . Eastbourne District General Hospital after a stroke on August II last year. Four days later he was sitting up in bed, playing cards, laughing, joking, and complaining of being bored, but he had picked up a bladder infection that, according to his wife, was left untreated. With the outside temperature at 30C (86F), a ward notice stipulated that patients should re-

ceive two litres of water a day, and Mr Byatt was put on a drip. On August 18, Brenda Byatt was told that he had had a second stroke. She said: "I found him thrashing around in bed. He had septicae-

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him." Intravenous fluid was withdrawn on August 22, according to her records, and she estimates that, during his 18-day illness, he received a third of the fluids he should have had Mr Byatt died on August 28 after a chest infection, and

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"Evant to pay more so I can pay it off earlier."

was given drugs to calm

police are now investigating his death. Kate Row, a spokeswoman for Eastbourne Hospitals NHS Trust, said: "At no time was fluid or nutrition withdrawn from Mr Byatt, or limited in any way."

mia and had a grand mal con-vulsion. Septicaemia had affected his kidneys, heart, lungs and circulation. He band in 1987. She was a lively woman with a fine sense of humour and, with the belp of a walking frame and carers. managed to get about. After living for 14 months at a nursing home near Stockport, she had a major stroke from which she never recovered

consciousness. She died six

days later, on January 16, 1996. Despite the pleas of her youngest sister, Patricia Wise, she was denied intravenous fluid during those last few days. Two days after the stroke. Mrs Wise asked the matron if her sister could be put on a drip as

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told that might be possible. only for the doctor to say it was not. On the fourth day of her illness, according to Mrs Kenny's daughter. Lynda. ber mother had tried to speak to her on 14 occasions. Mrs Wise said: "My feeling is that, even if she was terminally ill, she should have been put oo a drip. It's not exactly a complicated procedure ... While there

is life there is hope." She complained to Stockport Health Authority, but the doctor was found not to be in breach of his terms of service. Mrs Wise lost an appeal to the Health Services Appeal Authority.



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Cohn-Bendit: "Aided

Euro-MP 'may face charge'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

THE former Sixties stu-dent leader Daniel Cohn-Bendit, 53, who heads the French Greens' list of candidates for June's European elections may face a legal investigation for allegedly aiding a fugitive. Hans Joachim Klein.

suspected of helping the terrorist Carlos the Jackal (Ilich Ramirez Sánchez). was arrested in France in August after 20 years on the run and faces extradi-

tion to Germany. Herr Cohn-Bendit, 53, now a German Euro-MP. has admitted providing him with assistance. Prosecutors in Frankfurt plan to apply to have his parlia-mentary immunity lifted, a necessary precursor to any

Germans urge 'aloof' Britain to join euro

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

BRITAIN should get off its "high horse" and join the euro, according to the German press, echoing the confidence of the Bonn Government that the Blair Administration will sign up for the single Europe-an currency sooner rather

The sentiment was clear in both the tabloid and the broadsheet press, but it was expressed with a curious lipcurling contempt by the masscirculation Bild newspaper which has in the past entertained its own doubts about

the euro.
"The British in their fine pinstripes did not want to get their hands dirty while we were toiling away on the construction of the euro." said the newspaper's main economics commentator. "Our pound is staying out, they said with stiff

upper lip."
Now Britain had to make its choice: "The pound is losing ground against the euro, companies cannot plan ahead, their stock looks shaky. Big capital, behaving like a tree full of ravens, is fluttering out of the island and billions are leaving London in the direction of euroland,"

The British had climbed

proudly on their high horse, the paper declared, but now they should dismount.

These seemed to be rather strong conclusions to draw on the basis of one day's euro trad-ing. By German, though not of course by British tabloid standards, this was tough talk. But even the shrewd commentator of Handelsblatt, Germany's sober business daily, was calculating that Britain would have to jump much quicker than expected.

"Caught between the two huge blocks of the euro and the dollar, the British econ-omy (which reacts sensitively to exchange rates) could soon lead to a hasty and spontaneous British entry into the European monetary union," the paper said.

The Stuttgart Zeitung, usu-ally well informed on finance ministry affairs, said: "Lon-don is isolated." Above all, it said: "British industry runs the risk of falling behind in the future race for investment . . . even if the new currency proves to be soft and prone to crisis this will not help Britain, because a weak euro would mean a tangible increase in the value of the pound and worse export opportunities for

day the pressure grows to give up the senseless opposition."

To some degree, these com-ments reflect the trium-phalism of a good start and re-lief that the beginning of the euro was not a fiasco. But they also revealed the mood of Gerhard Schröder's Government - and above all of Oskar La-fontaine, his Finance Minister who are convinced that Britain will not be able to resist the pressure of events in continen-tal Europe.

Some nervousness about the future evolution of the Europe-

an economy could be detected yesterday. Heiner Flassbeck, Herr Lafontaine's right-hand man at the Finance Ministry. said he was satisfied with the smooth start of the euro. But he was far from optimistic about Europe's overall economic prospects.

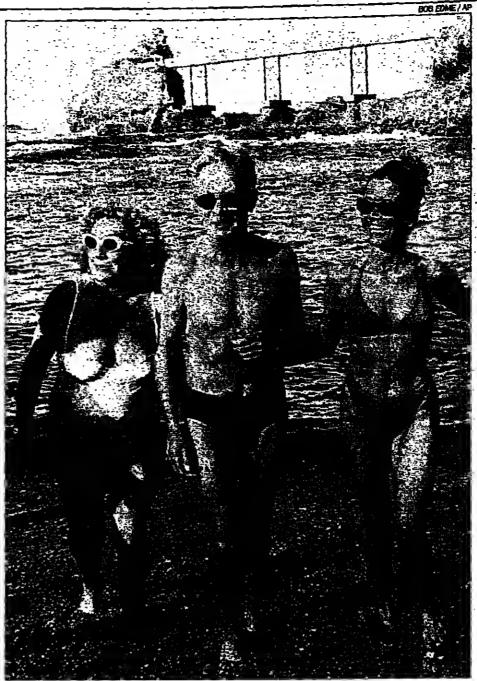
A strong economic downturn in Europe would, he said. lead to higher unemployment. Domestic consumption had to be encouraged in order to boost the economy, he said, adding that no attempt should be made to increase state expenditure.

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Bathers enjoy a walk in the sun yesterday at Biarritz in southwest France, where temperatures topped 70F (20C). Paris recorded a January record of 59F (16C), but farmers were anxious over their crops and ski resort owners were praying for snow

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From Anna Blundr
In Moscow

Tith a year to go

WITH a year to go until Russian presidential elections if Boris Yeltsin sees out his full term, it has been suggested that Aleksandr Lebet, the gruff Governor of Krasnoarsk, might be attempting to raise money for his can which Ukraine would Russia for the disposal

ports, in an article called The Temptation of Nuclear Prof-its, that \$69 million (ED miltion) allocated by the Ukrainian Government for the storage and processing of wa in the Krasnoyarsk area has e precise, probably never source, the Ukrainian midiating company, is supposed to pay a mere 15 per cent of the sum due in cash.

Mr. Lebed complain the goods, services and IDUs that make up the rest of the payment always arrive nd never in full.

The agreement is that the Zheleznogorsk iron ore processing factory in Krasnoyarsk accepts 250 tonnes of nuclear waste per year at a fee of \$275 per kilo. By retycling one kilogram of used nuclear fuel, one can earn ap to \$1,000," Yevgeni Adamov told deputies of the Krasnoyarsk territorial legislative asthat there is an urgent need to bring payments into line with the rest of the world.

Mr Lebed has elected to hold Ukraine to ransom on the issue and is refusing to accept any more nuclear waste until the debt is paid at a reasonable rate.

He also insists that his form dation must mediate in the affair, according to information obtained by Segodnya. As the waste piles up apperls clear material can result in

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Goggle box drives ape family apart

A TELEVISION, intended to that any addiction to a lifeless provide help for an orang-uran couple in St Petersburg Zoo, has turned them into telly addicts, the Moscow Times reported yesterday.

Monika and Rabu had failed to be model parents to their male baby, Ramon, so a Samsung executive, himself a new father, gave the set in the hope that educational videos might teach the orang-utans how to care for their offspring.

Rabu, the family's patriarch, has become so obsessed. with the television which rangs outside his cage that he has started to ignore his mate. who in turn is feeling rejected and miscrable. Zoo officials have now curtailed viewing hours, in the hope that Rabu will regain his attentive nature and that Monika will resume her painting career, cast aside in favour of the box.

Aleksandr Karpov, chief psychologist at the Russian-Ministry of Health, admitted object "can easily result in a strong separation from reali-ty". He added that anyone who spends a disproportionate amount of time watching television or playing computer games is likely to out himself off from communication with others, including his own family, and he may become a defective personality with one sided development.

Rabu arrived in St Petersburg from Antwerp Zoo in 1997 and he and Monika had their offspring on November 20. However, being reared in captivity both parents had lost the nurturing instincts neces-sary to raise their baby, so he was removed to an incubator where he was fed and looked after by 200 staff.

The zoo plans to appeal to American primate centres for help. It also hopes to bring in human mothers to demonstrate their skills to the hapless orang-utan.

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Cook cash for war on rebels in Sierra Leone

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annuncement came as Nigerian warplanes killed more that 200 rebels threatening Freown the capital. On SundayAlpha jets in service with the comog intervention force attaked a mountain cave hideoutlear Hastings, on the outskis of Freetown, killing at lea: 100 fighters from the Revoluonary United Front and therusted junta. Planes were alsin action north of the capital nd Ecomog troops retook corrol of the nearby town of

fitain's aid package is part of a commitment to bolster thehaky Government of Presidet Kabbah, restored last yes with the help of arms and printe forces provided by Sadline International, the

mecenary group. fle into the bush, maiming an terrorising civilians, has joied forces with the RUF an during the past two weeks ha made sweeping gains, theatening the capital and the Gremment,

he Foreign Office said yestelay that there was no longerany arms embargo on the Sirra Leone Government, folloing the modification by the Uited Nations of an earlier binket embargo. But Britain sti operates an arms embargon Nigeria, which provides th bulk of the Ecomog forces.

Siven the tight Foreign Offir budget, the military aid is been harrying successive Gov-

London backs

Freetown regime

with extra £lm to Nigerian-led

force, writes Michael Binyon

considerable and follows the £2 million already paid to a United Nations Trust Fund supporting Ecomog. The total, larger than most British humanitarian packages, reflects Britain's determination to keep in office a democratic Government that has already caused Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, considerable

embarrassment over the Sandline affair, Tony Lloyd, the For-eign Office Minister responsi-ble for Africa, said that the aid was "a demonstration of our commitment to help bring stahility to Sierra Leone and promore democracy both in that country and more widely in .

On Monday, Nigerian troops, backed by Sierra Leonean civilian militia, beat back a rebel attempt to enter Free-town via Hastings. The rebel force of more than 1,000 menbad reached the eastern city gates, and Ecomog sources said many were infiltrators in civilian clothes who had

slipped past Hastings.

The rebels split into two groups after the first attack. one comprising renegate soldiers from the Sierra Leone Army and the other made up of RUF fighters who have

erriments for more than five

Insurgents still control most of the north of the country, and have conscripted thousands of able-bodied men and women, training them to light. A systematic campaign of mu-tilation, hacking off the arms and legs of captured civilians, has left many villagers terri-tied of the rebels and hashes to resist them. Those fleeing to Freetown have reported summary executions of people the rebels consider sympathetic to the Kabbah Government.

A Rome-based Catholic news agency yesterday reported that one of the leaders of the ousted junta, Solomon Anthony James Musa, was killed in the recent fighting. He was the de facto Prime Minister of the junta which seized power in May 1997 and was ousted last

The rebel forces were swiftly pushed back after President Kabbah was reinstated. But they regrouped and launched a new campaign after their leader, Freddy Sankoh, was sentenced to death for treason in October. In prison in Freetown, he is appealing against the sentence.

The upsurge in fighting threatens to unleash a new wave of refugees, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said on Tues-day. A spokesman said that more than 100 refugees have fled into neighbouring Guinea over the past few days. But 5.800 more people in the bor-der area of Kambia are poised to follow suit if clashes between rebels and the intervention force continue. An estimated 350,000 people are dis-



President Mugabe, angered by his treatment in London, is now calling for seizure of farms owned by absentee lords. "They will lose their little Englands," he said

Mugabe wants to grab 'lands of British lords'

PRESIDENT MUGABE has promised to seize farms owned by absentee British aristocrats and says he will pay with an IOU.

"Those British lords who have their little Englands and are absentee landlords will lose their little Englands," he was quoted as saying yester bweams, as part of the Govern-day, in the state-controlled ment's plan to "indigenise". Herald newspaper: Compen-sation was the responsibility empowerment in Zimbabwe of the British Government, has become synonymous with the colonisers of what was for- .. cronyism and corruption, merly Rhodesia, he said.

But Mr Mugabe, whose Government last month confiscated 841 white owned farms in Zimbabwe, is talking about an era long past. The big landowners, such as the Salisbury. Cranborne and Cecil families, sold their holdings around independence in 1980 and left.

The President, still smart-ing from his visit to London last month where the media denounced him as a tyrant, also made ominous references

to the estimated 400 British companies in Zimbabwe. They controlled "a large portion" of the economy, and every year sent millions of

pounds in profits to Britain. British companies should give shares in their Zimbabwean businesses to black Zimbabweams, as part of the Govern-ment's plan to "indigenise" the economy, he said. Black

where the conspicuous wealth of the friends and relatives surrounding Mr Mugabe continues to swell in contrast to the widespread poverty and crumbling infrastructure that affects the rest of the country.

Mr Mugabe said Britain ought to be supporting his land reform and black empow-ement programmes, instead of "leading the bandwagon of criticism and malicious statements" aimed at tarnishing the country's image abroad.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Millennium unit set up by Israel

Jerusalem: Israel vesterday unveiled sweeping plans for cop-ing with so-called "messianic madness" among Christian pilgrims arriving in the Holy Land for millennium celehrations (Christopher Walker writes).

It is estimated that some 40,000 of the expected 4.5 million visitors will require psychiatric help, with 800 needing to be treated in mental hospitals. Leading agents from Shin Bet and Mossad, the Israeli domestic and foreign secret services. have been recruited into a new unit to deal with millennial cults and individuals who believe they are biblical figures.

Cash for Stasi boss

Berlin: Erich Mielke, 91, once head of East Germany's secret police, has got about €1,000 (£714) compensation for his three months in jail in 1991. Herr Mielke was accused of shooting people at the Berlin Wall, but was found too ill to stand trial. He was jailed for six years in 1993 for the 1931 murder of two policementut was freed as senile in August 1995. (AFP)

Korean actress flees

Seoul: Kim Hye Young, right, a popular North Korean film star, has defected to South Korea with her family, She, her parents and two sisters arrived in August but the defection was kept secret to pro-tect their safety. Kim Hye Young, 26, who was in the Pyongyang national theatre troupe, has starred in seven films. (AFP)



Death row killing

Parchman: Donald Leroy Evans, a drifter who claimed to have killed dozens of people in 22 states, was stabbed to death by a fellow death row inmare at Mississippi State Penitendary here. Evans, 41, sentenced for strangling a girl aged ten, won notoriety after his 1991 arrest, saying he was a serial killer, but he later said the confessions were a hoax. (AP)

Coin smuggler held

Budapest: Hungarian customs officials have arrested a Bulgarian citizen trying to smuggle Ancient Greek, Roman, Thracian and Syrian coins, worth more than £37,000, to Britain. The 1,567 bronze and silver coins, dating from 3BC, were found in a bag hidden behind the car stereo of the man, who was trying to enter Austria with a false passport. (AFP)

Bullring ban sought

Madrid: The Madrid regional government's top official for children's rights wants bullrings declared off-limits for those under 14, saying that youngsters can be traumatised by watching bulls bleed to death. The proposal would make the region the second in Spain to bar young children from arena bullfights. Catalonia, in the northeast, did so last month. (AP)

Brief encounters

Bucharest: A wife given lacey underwear for her 35th hirthday that was too small became suspicious when a woman guest at her party said she had received some that was too large. The next day a shop assistant confirmed that her husband had bought two sets of lingerie. After swapping underwear with "the other woman", she filed for divorce. (AP)

nwar: The police "fully esponsible for attack"

Law chief says police injured Anwar

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN KUALA LUMPUR MALAYSIAN police inflicted Mr Anwar in September,

him, the former Deputy Prime Minister, that drew international condemnation after his defention, the authorides ad-

initied yesterday.

A statement by Mohtar Abdullah, the Attorney General, was released as Mr Anwar's corruption trial was told that semen stains on a mattress being used in evidence against him could have been planted. Mr Mohtar said that he had found the police fully respon-

sible" for injuries suffered by

the injuries on Anwar Ibra- when the former leader was in police custody. But the person responsible had not been iden-tified. Mr Mohtar's statement, reported by the Bernama news agency, added that medical reports indicated that he had suffered some of his injuries before he was arrested.

Mr Anwar was dismissed on September 2 and arrested 18 days later. He had a black eye when produced for his first court appearances and said he had been beaten unconscious on his first night in custody.

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FROM DANIEL MCGRORY IN ADEN

AMERICAN military chiefs fear the recent terrorist violence in Yemen may jeop-ardise their secret deal to establish an important shipping

The Pentagon plans to use the former British colony to bunker 600,000 barrels of marine diesel and aviation fuel which will be used to service its naval operation in the Gulf against President Sadd-

am Hussein of Iraq.
As the first US warship docked in Aden under the deal. Scotland Yard detectives and the FBI were working yes-

terday to discover who was behind the Islamic group that kidnapped 16 Western tourists and was planning to bomb five British targets in the port

One senior US official said: "This eruption of Islamic terrorism in Yemen could not have come at a worse time, when we are considering hun-dreds of American military personnel walking around Aden on shore leave."

The priority for the ten-man FBI team sent to Yemen is to discover whether the al-Jihad group is trained and funded

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Aden port where the US Navy has organised a refuelling base, an arrangement thrown into doubt by the recent hostage taking incident

by the Saudi billionaire, Osama bin Laden, accused by Washington of various terror-

ist outrages. FBI sources say they are certain that bin Laden has bases in mountainous southern Yemen where his terrorists fled after being forced out of Sudan and Afghanistan in the past

seven months. It has also been disclosed that US intelligence agents were warned six weeks ago. that Hamas was planning to shift its headquarters from Khartoum to Yemen. A week later an armed gang shot an American aid worker in an ambush outside his home which

is near where the kidnan of the tour group took place. One of the gunmen who escaped after wounding Rich Bonney is said to have also taken part in last week's shootout in the desert in which four hostages, including three Britons, were killed. The Pentagon's ambitions for Aden will depend on the

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FBI's findings, although naval chiefs did decide to go ahead with plans for the frigate, USS Klakring, to dock off Aden's Prince of Wales pier, built by the British in 1919. None of the crew was allowed off the frigate which was returning from the Gulf. As she docked amid strict security, an Iranian tank-er passed close by Until the British left in 1967.

Aden was the world's second busiest port. It was a coking station for ships sailing to India and the Far East and its natural deep waters can berth

the biggest aircraft carriers.
The US Navy needs the port because it is closing its operation at Djibouti and the Pentagon is worried about the future use of bases in Gulf states, includ-.

ing Saudi Arabia The Saudi, fuel bunker. is being constructed by British techmoians · next. to the terminal for the new Aden freeport that will open in March. The

· base should have been operating by now, but the first fuel is not due in the tanks until next

. The Americans also want to refurbish a nearby refinery so that it can produce the quality of marine diesel and aviation fuel they need to store.

American sources said that they will review plans to allow. sailors and airmen shore leave will upset local traders and bar owners who had expected business not seen since the British occupation.

American security officials, conscious of the security threat in the region, wanted to train units of Yemeni troops in hostage rescue, but were forbidden to do so by American diplomats concerned about the

Sanas Government's human rights record.
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Iran group renews threat to Rushdie

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

SALMAN Rushdie's life is under recewed threat from a shadowy, well organised Iranian extremist group that has claimed responsibility for the recent marders of four dissidents and an attack on American tourists, a moderate Iranian newspaper said yesterday.

Zan, a usually well informed woman's daily, said that the little-known Feday-een (Devotees) of Pure Mohammedan Islam was "preparing to put into effect the historic fatwa" of the late Ayatallah & Khammedan Islam was "preparing to put into effect the historic fatwa" of the late Ayatallah & Khammedan Islam & Ayatallah & Aya ollah Khomeini, who condemned the author to death in 1989 for alleged blasphemy in his novel, The Satamic Verses.

The group released a statement saying that it is using "all means at its disposal to plan the application of the fatwa". Zon said. It added to the group had repeated an ea lier claim that it had kill two secular writers and Da ush Formhar, the national leader, and his wife, Parva eh Eskandari. The grou-structure is said to include judicial section run by the

dges. Zon added. While any threat to Rushdie will be taken serio ly, too little is known abo the group to gauge the level danger. To what extent it real or invented simply cause problems for Iran's ternational relations is. clear," an Iranian analy said. "Assuming it does exi and did carry out the murde here, there is no way of know ing whether it has the capaci



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Ventura speaking at his inauguration ceremony

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FROM GUES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

THE speech lasted just II minutes, but the party is sched-uled to go on for a forthight. Despite deep snow and Minnesota's customarily bitter January temperatures, an unprecedented two week gala is under way to welcome the state's new Governor, Jesse

Ventura, a 250lb human battering ram who once ruled the sional wrestling circuit in a pink feather boa. But the glow is already fading from Mr Ventura's halo. Having campaigned as an Independent last November with rancous ad-libbed

attacks on both his rivals and the status quo, he has already back-pedalled on a pledge to return a \$3.3 billion (£2 billion) state budget surplus to taxpayers, Instead, he has said he will be "prudent" not a word his supporters, most of them disenchanted with the major parties; had hoped to hear so soon: Mr Ventura bas also

swapped his flammel shirts, and snow boots for sober chaircoal suits, and has accepted. Ministry official there, said: inalives—while finding ways the gubernatorial park of a Weshawe only seen press rechauffeur driven. Impossing ports on this subject. We do ple through humanitarian efforts and to run, did appear at his inauguration ceremony in Tolonoffiave any reactions.

St Paul, the state capital to the condition of a full review of Americans on January 16; not a first first of senators. Neverthe people's celebration. Tor which tickets are already on sale, starting at \$10.



FROM DAMIAN WHITWORTH IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton has loos- Lehtinen, a Republican House ened the United States's longstanding trade embargo with Cuba to allow more move-ment of people and money between the two countries.
While insisting America is

still hostile to President Cashopes to "strengthen support for the Cuban people".

Under the new rules, Cubans will be allowed to receive cash from any individual in the US, sales of food and agricultural products will be permitted for the first time on limited basis, a direct mail. service will he reintroduced and there will be an expansion of US charter flights in and out of the island.

And in a nove echoing the sping pong diplomacy that helped to improve relations with China in the 1970s, the Baltimore Orioles baseball team is to explore the possibility of home and away games against the Orion national team later this year.

There was no immediate re-action of Hayana to President

Clinton's announcement. Aleand snow boots for sober chart, jaining Gonzalez, a Foreign coal suits, and has accepted Marsey official there, said:

representative from Florida, said that the measures were part of an Administration attempt to mask its "true inten-tion of normalising relations with the Cuban dictator".

Ms Ros-Lehtinen's Cubantro's regime, the White House American colleague in the House, Lincoln Diaz-Balart, also a Florida Republican. said that he will oppose any food sales to Cuba on the ground that they are illegal. The Administration said that any such sales would be limit-ed to entities independent of the Government and therefore, would be legal.

Mr Clinton insisted that

none of the initiatives involved any softening of the threedecade trade embargo - imposed in 1962 when President Castro aligned his country with the Soviet Union - say ing: These steps are designed to help the Cuban people without strengthening the Cuban Government.

They are consistent with our policy of keeping pressure on the regime for democratic change - through the embargo and vigorous diplomatic ini-tialives — while finding ways to reach our to the Cuban peo-



President Castro and his Communist regime are not intended to benefit from Washington's new measures which aim to "help the Cuban people"

the Baltimore Orioles travels

hampered by political set-backs, including the mass exo-dus of Cubans to Florida in 1994 and the shooting down by two Cuban MiG jet fighters of four unarmed, Miami-based planes north of the island in 1996. However, the Pope's visit to Cuba a year ago has made it easier for the Administration to introduce innovations.

Officials insist the policy shifts help to promote democ-racy without helping President Castro. A year ago all cash transfers from US residents to needy Cubans were barred.

In March, Mr Clinton allowed Cuban-Americans to send up to \$1,200 (about £723) a year to relatives. That restric-tion is to be eased further, permitting any US resident to send money to the island up to the \$1,200 annual limit. Until 1993, President Castro.

barred Cubans from holding dollars, seeing the currency as a reminder of past abuses.



Castro addressing supporters in 1959, days after his predecessor, President Batista, fled the country

to family members are believed to have spared countless Cubans from destitution and allowed many to set up private businesses; something un-heard of a few years ago. Cuban co-operation will be required in some areas, particularly the plan for increased

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to Havana, perhaps this week, to sound out Cuban officials on the possibility of one or two exhibition baseball games with a Cuban squad in March. Baseball is the most popular sport in Cuba, with the President himself - a which tickets are already on panel democratic changes. An early test will former pitcher — a huge fan. policy towards Cuba disapconstructive ideas to sale, starting at \$10.— the initiative lieana Ros- the two countries have been my in free fall, cash payments come when a delegation from Profits from the games would pointed Senator John Warner democratic change."

go to independent charities aimed at assisting Cubans.

Currently mail deliveries between the countries are possihle but often take months. The proposal for a direct service comes after a significant expansion of US-Cuban telephone communications earlier in the decade, made possible by an extensive modernisarion programme.

Direct charter flights to Cuba were legal until 1996 when the four Miami-based planes were shot down. Mr Clinton retaliated by banning such flights, but he reinstated them last March. His new proposal contemplates an easing of existing restrictions on such flights, possibly including allowing flights from cities other than Miami.

The sales of food would be to non-governmental organisations and independent restaurants. The decision to reject senators' calls for a commission to review all aspects of US

of Virginia. He is an embargo opponent who led the drive for the commission and believes that current policy treats Cuba more cruelly than more bona fide threats to America's national security, such as Iraq

and North Korea. Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, hailed the package as a "major advance in our effort to reach oot to the

Cuban people.
"Our goal is to encourage the development in Cuba of peaceful civic activities that are independent of the Government and that will help the Cuban people prepare for the day when their country is once again free," she said.

She added that the US shift in policy would "maintain pressure for democratic change" on the Island nation while at the same time helping to advance "the dream of a Cuba where all can participate in . . . political life. We will continue to work with them on constructive ideas to promote

Diplomats in US accused of using slave labour

SLAVERY lives on in the United States, with diplomats and officials in international organisations often guilty of ; treating staff like serfs, accord-ing to human rights groups.

Some of those alleged to be the worst abusers are foreign-ers employed at embassies and institutions such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the United Nations.

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They are accused of bring-ing in domestic staff from impoverished countries on temporary work visas and then forcing them to toil round the clock, without days off, for poor wages. The servants, mostly women, are often vic-tims of violence but have nowhere and no one to turn to. Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, has launched an

investigation, involving the FBt and a clutch of government departments, into what she called the serious problem of modern day slavery".
The Washington Post yester-

day published a catalogue of alleged abuse in the capital by foreigners who had flouted laBY DAMIAN WILLTWORTH

woman. Yeshehareg Teferra. claimed that she worked for a member of staff at the IMF for 90 hours a week for eight years. Although she says she was given a contract for a their slave." wage of \$235 (£145) a week, she The FBI b received just \$1,060 for the entire period, in effect working for 3 cents an hour. She has filed a suit against Dawit Makonnen her former employer, for back pay and damages.

Mr. Makonnen has argued

Reno: ordered inquiry into slavery allegations

One liliterate Ethiopian that she is owed nothing be cause after he left the IMF in 1992 she was a "guest" in his house. "I was not their guest," Ms Teferra said. "I was not even their employee. I was

> The FBI became aware of a 60-year-old woman working for a Brazilian businessman when she entered hospital and told social workers she had to beg neighbours for food but was afraid to run away because she had been told by her employers that she would be arrested for being black. ☐ Camberra: Australia is to ex-

pand the scope of proposed new anti-slavery laws aimed particularly at the growing sex slave trade and will increase jail terms to 25 years for the most serious offenders. The federal police have uncovered 14 cases of sexual slavery in the past two years. Australia has not changed its slavery laws for 150 years.

The legislation will focus on slavery generally and the re-cruitment of people overseas for sexual servitude," Amanda Vanstone, the Australian Justice Minister, said. (Reuters)

Hollywood 'Indian' dies at 94

By Gives Whitten

IRON Eyes Cody, a veteran actor who claimed to be an -Indian and came to symbolise the plight of America's en-dangered wilderness, has died in Los Angeles after half a century in Hollywood and a youth that remains shrouded

in mystery.

He gained fame in an era when Native Americans were called Red Indians, making a career as the noble face of an oppressed people. Two years ago, however, a New Orleans newspaper claimed he was a second-generation Italian American for whom Hollywood provided an escape from his parents' blue-collar grind.

Mr Cody appeared in doz-ens of prewar Westerns and worked with such directors as John Ford and Cecil B. De Mille, but was best-known for a one-minute commercial first broadcast in 1970 in which he paddled down a river past a belching smokestack and turned to the camera in front of a littered roadside, a single tear rolling down his cheek.

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FBI frees youth and arrests kidnap suspects as China holds accomplices A diligent student in the San Marino house where the boy was being held. The

FROM KAREN LOWE IN LOS ANGELES

FBI ACENTS have freed the son of a wealthy Taiwanese businessman held for ransom just as Chinese authorities arrested accomplices in Fuzhou province pick-

ing up the money, officials said.

Close co-operation between US and Chinese authorities ensured the capture of kidnappers in Los Angeles on Monday and of those retrieving the ransom in China, said Timothy McNally, FBl assistant director-in-charge of Los Angeles.

To our knowledge, this type of international co-operation, where we actually had a ransom demand and delivery being conducted, was the first of its kind, he

over his mouth and grabbed him.

neighborhood east of Los Angeles, the young man's disappearance went unnoticed for two days. His guardian and neighbour believed she had not seen him

hecause he was studying late.

When he did not show up in school and there was no explanation for his absence. the guardian contacted his parents in Taiwan, according to Cary Isaacs, the San Marino police chief. They immediately contacted the police.

The guardian also told the authorities

that she had noticed several days before the abduction that a car had stopped near the home while a man stood at the end of

authorities waited to confirm the boy's location before raiding the home. Before delivering the ransom money,

the father asked if he could speak to his son to make sure that he was still alive. During that conversation, agents tracked the mobile telephone to the Temple City

At the same time, under the direction of Chinese and US authorities, the father agreed to a meeting in Fuzhou, in China's Fujian province about 30 miles across the sea from Taiwan, to deliver \$500,000.
The Chinese authorities arrested two men who had accompanied the boy's fa-ther to a Fuzhou bank to withdraw the

tional co-operation, where we actually the home while a man stood at the end of the driveway looking at the house.

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The driveway looking at the house.

The boy's father, Fu Shan Chen, who can at the same time as police officers raised the Temple City home.

Some said.

Kuan Nen Chen, 17, a student, was safe weeks after he was abducted as he arrived with his mother nearly three ly reunited with his mother nearly three was and tenyle City, near ins Angeles, weeks after he was abducted as he arrived weeks after he was abducted as he arrived weeks after he was abducted as he arrived while he was in Taiwan, home on December 15. He was climbing afternable with hostage taking. If they are convicted, they could be sentenced to life out of his car when two men stapped tape.

The former while a man stood at the end of the to a Fuzhou bank to withdraw the ransom at the same time as police officers raided the Temple City home.

Xue Im Wang, 27, of Temple City, and Xue Han Wang, of New York, both originally from Fuzhou, were arrested and charged with hostage taking. If they are convicted, they could be sentenced to life in prison. (AFP)

In search of the energy inside a vacuum

Physics can show there is energy in a vacuum, but will we be able to tap into it, asks Nigel Hawkes

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perfect vacuum is the ab-sence of everything, un-less you are a quantum physicist. Then you know that empty space is actually filled with particles which wink in and out of existence too rapidly to be seen. Even at absolute zero, a vacuum is sweating energy at every pore, unlikely as it seems, Some bolder spirits, touched by millennial fever, have even claimed that this zero-point energy is the fuel of the future which will generate electricity, replace crude oil and propel mankind across the vast emptiness

Texas, rather grandly called the In- as a tiny force acting between two

stitute for Advanced Studies — an echo of the better-known institution at Princeton where Einstein spent his final years — a small team led by the physicist Dr Harold Puthoff is testing the claims of inventors who say that they can tap into zero-point energy. Over the past decade, Dr Puthoff has examined at least ten devices and found none

that works. To mainstream scientists, the effort smacks of cold fusion. But un-

least the energy is real, as physicists have recently shown in experiments which confirm quantum theory's predictions to a nicety. While this brings us no closer to exploiting zero-point energy, or even to knowing how much of it there is, it is always satisfying when a longstanding prediction is proved true.

But first, why should zero-point energy even exist? The simplest explanation comes from Heisenberg's uncertainty principle, which declares that it is impossible to know simultaneously both the position and the momentum of a particle. At absolute zero, this principle would be violated if particles were

absolutely still, since then both posi-tion and momentum would be known. So they must continue to jiggle about, even when they no longer have any thermal motion. The same rule applies to energy. That means that even in empty space, energy continues to exist; and because energy and mass are equivalent. the vacuum energy must be able to create particles which flash briefly into existence, then disappear. Such ephemeral events are called fluctuations.

In 1948 the Dutch physicist Hendrik Casimir outlined a way of detecting this vacuum energy. He ar-At a laboratory near Austin in. gued that it should manifest itself

flat reflecting plates held very close together, but not touching, in a vacuum. If the gap were small enough, he reasoned, it would form a channel so narrow that only certain wavelengths of light, and their respective particles, could be contained Just as driving into a

and out of tunnel cuts off a radio signal, so the narrow channel would cut off existence some of the wavelengths of light. But outside the channel would like that débacle, in this case at be photons of all wavelengths. The

> force no bigger than a speck of dust falling on the top plate but still, in theory, detectable. Last year the physicist Steven Lamoreaux, of Los Alamos National Laboratory, measured the Casimir force for the first time. His experimental arrangement was more complex than Casimir envisaged, consisting of two gold-coated quartz bars and a gold-plated sphere, arranged close together so that the effect of the Casimir force

the force needed to restore it to its



The Pleiades, an open star cluster 400 light years from Earth. Devotees of zero-point energy claim that it could help mankind to cross the vastness of interstellar space

original position. It agreed with Casimir's prediction to within 5 per cent. "We're excited: it confirms a very basic prediction of quantum electrodynamics," said Ed Hinds of issex University

discrepancy would result in a force Last month Umar Mohideen and pushing the plates together - a Anushree Roy, of the University of California at Riverside, went a step further, using an atomic force microscope to position an aluminium-coated sphere less than a thou-sandth of a millimetre away from a plate and to measure the force between them. After correcting for errors, they concluded in Physical Review Letters that the force they measured was within I per cent of the predicted value. And by enlarging and cooling the ball, "we are confident that we can improve the accuracy by a factor of 1,000°. Dr Mohideen said. was to cause one bar, hanging on a wire, to twist. He then measured

So yet again, quanturn theory has triumphed over common energy just a curiosity. or does it underlie some of the large-scale struc-ture of the Universe? Can it ever be put to use? Here is where enthusiasts such as Dr Puthoff and most of the rest of the physics com-

munity part company.

Even calculating how much energy there might be presents awkward problems. In theory, any volume of empty space could contain an infinite number of fluctuations, and hence an infinite gest. There might be enough, peramount of energy. That energy

To many scientists. the effort smacks of cold

> allows. This must be the worst failure of an order-ofmagnitude estimate in the history of science," he says.

fusion er than the observed expansion of the Universe If so, there must be a lot less vacuum energy than the equations sug-

would in turn generate haps, to contribute to an anti-gravi-gravitational fields out ty effect, observed in the accelerating expansion of the Universe deof all proportion to anyscribed in last week's Science Briefthing we observe in the. Universe around us. are made to eliminate untapped reservoir of energy waiting to be exploited. His experiment the infinities, the number remains dauntextracted 10-15 joules, a piffling ingly large - according to the Nobel Prize-winquantity. He resents having become a hero to a group for whom ning physicist Steven he has little time. "The zero-point Weinberg ten to the power of 120 times largenergy community is more successful at advertising and self-promotion than it is at carrying out bona fide scientific research," he told Sci-

entific American. None of this worries Dr Puthoff. He believes that zero-point energy provides the force that stops electrons in atoms spiralling down until they hit the nucleus, and also suspects that inertia, the reluctance of

objects to be accelerated, is caused. by the drag of moving through a zero-point field. If so, he argues, then it would be worth trying to manipuing. Certainly Dr Lamoreaux's ex- late the field to reduce mertia. much faster, and hence much farther, on the same fuel load. Nasa, the American space agency, con-vened a meeting at which this idea. was discussed, to the disgust of some physicists.

Although it is never wise to declare a possible source of energy moonshine - as Lord Rutherford once did of nuclear power — the prospect of civilisation subsisting on a vacuum seems improbable in the extreme.

Even in a quantum universe, with its Alice in Wonderland quality, that would be too close to getting something for nothing.

Microarrays can carry 10,000 fragments of DNA — and will eventually diagnose disease

A NEW device is set to revoludonise biology. No bigger than a credit card but carrying up to 10,000 fragments of DNA, the microarray will do for genetics what the silicon chip did for computing. It is a safe bet that in the next century, microarrays will be diagnosing disease; assessing an individual's risk of cancer or heart disease; or monitoring the progress of a drug

Last week a team from the Medical Research Council's Clinical Sciences Centre at



Genetics' smartcard

Hammersmith Hospital used a microarray to identify a gene in rats that causes a condition akin to insulin resistance syndrome in human beings. The discovery, published in Nature Genetics and reported in some editions of The Times on December 29, is important not only because the syn-drome is an early pointer to obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease, but also because it illustrates the power of microarrays to penetrate the genetic jungle and pinpoint a single tree.

The method works because DNA is a double-stranded molecule which, when split into single strands, does its best to double up again. But it can only do so if it finds the right single strand with which to form a pair. The strands consist of chains of bases - ade-



nine, cytosine, guanine and thymine - which always form the same pairs. Adenine on one strand always binds to thymine, while cytosine binds to guanine. This means that two single strands of DNA will fasten together like a zip-per, but only if their sequences

are complementary.

A microarray consists of a solid surface of glass or silica. with single-stranded frag-ments of DNA arranged in columns and rows across its surface. Creating the chips has something in common with building a silicon circuit. The end product is a flat surface with a huge number of short lengths of DNA floating from it, like tendrils of seaweed ris-ing from the ocean floor.

To use the chip, a DNA sample is taken from a patient, purified, split into single strands, then cut into short lengths. Each piece is then tagged with a fluorescent molecule, and washed over the chip. Where DNA strands in the mixture hit a complementary sequence on the chip, they

bind. The better the match, the stronger the bond. Then a chemical is washed over the chip to break all but the strongest bonds. Finally a computer reads the position of the fluorescent tags still attached to the surface, and matrices them to the original length of DNA attached to that site.

In this way a microarray can be used to "interrogate" a

sample of DNA and to identify the DNA sequences within it. "In a single afternoon, people have confirmed work that took several years using conventional gene sequencing processes," Ed Hurwitz, of Affythetrix, a California company which has pioneered the technology. told New Scientist. Nature Genetics has produced a supplement on the subject, the Chipping Forecast, available on the Internet as a Web special at http://genetics.nature.com One day, the entire human genome will be available on a chip, or range of chips. Then results will really pour in.

Sex, shakes and the | Valuable prize for single stickleback

AMONG male sticklebacks, size really doesn't matter. What the females want is not a big mate. but one who can shake that thing. The better the shaker, the more desirable he is, according to Sara Ostlund and Ingrid Ahnesjö, zoologists from Uppsala University in Sweden.
They studied the 15-spined stickleback, Spin-

actia spinachia, a species in which the male provides the main care for offspring, building-nests, cleaning and protecting the eggs, and fanning them with his pectoral fins.

The point of fanning is to oxygenate the em-bryos, to improve their chances of survival The optimum famning style is achieved in short but vigorous bouts in which the highest possi-ble beat rate is reached. So females can do themselves a favour by picking as mates those males who can do this well.

But how are they to know in advance? The zoologists report in Animal Behaviour that shaking is how the males advertise their skills. They do so by bending their heads upwards and shaking very fast for about a second, alter-nating the behaviour with other counting ritu-als such as showing the nest, approaching the female, or biting her.

lunar prospectors



WHAT use is the Moon? While it is certainly not paved with gold, it does harbour a gas that may one day be as valuable: helium-3. This rare isotope of helium, 1,000 times less common than the regu-

lar helium-4, could provide the fuel for a future generation of fusion reactors, in which it would be combined with demerium — a form of hydrogen - to produce abundant energy. Helium-3 is far more plentiful on the Moon

than on Earth because the Moon captures it from the solar wind, a flow of particles from the Sun. It is estimated that 750,000 tonnes of helium-3 lie in the top time metres of the Moon's surface, when a mere 30 tonnes in a fusion reactor would be enough to meet the annual energy.

dark seas, but regions with titanium-rich rocks are also pinpointed because they trap the gas. But nobody is likely to be trampled in the rush to exploit it. At best, helium levels in the hunsur soil do not exceed 20 parts per billion, which means shifting a lot of soil for not much helium.



demands of the entire American economy. Now planetary scientists from the US Geological Survey have produced a map of the distribution of helium-3 for future prospectors.

The best areas lie in the maria, the Moon's dark seas but regions with the maria, the Moon's

Do you have to have big breasts to work here?

over The New York Times. Peter lets out a sudden groan. "Tragic news," he cries. "The Manhattan Hooters is going bankrupt. We must go there before it closes."

in fact he has been trying to organise a trip to Hooters since it opened here on 56th Street, just off Broadway, a year ago. I have not been enthusiastic. With 232 restaurants across the country. restaurant chain in America; however, the attraction is more than its food. Like most other chains, it serves the standard fare of burgers; chicken wings and chief sal-ans suffocated with blue cheese dressing. But Hooters offers an extra delicacy; a flotilla of friendly waitresses, famous for their generous breasts, cantilevered by pushup bras into skimpy crop-tops accompanied by equally skimpy orange shorts.

"I'd better get a group together while we can still go," says Peter briskly, reach-ing for the phone. "Michael? Did you see that Hoosers has filed for chapter II protection from creditors? We're think"Absolutely!" interrupts Michael "Count me in "Hooters? That's my Dad's favourite restaurant," says Dana, laughing. 'Can I bring

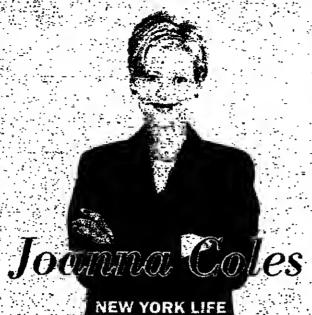
I cail to make a reservation on the free-phone number. "Burger and fries, burger and fries, burger and fries... says the message imitating a stuck record. Tired of the same old meno? Come to Hooters and enjoy our gourmet hotdogs. You can add mushrooms! Then the recep

"Hello, Hooters." "Can I make a reservation :

for tonight? I ask.
You want to make a reservation?" This in itself is our first warning. In a town where you can wait weeks for a booking, and Le Cirque, five minutes walk away on Madison, claims to receive 5,000 calls a day from diners begging for a table, the girl from Hooters sounds incredulous.

"Yes, for six people." "Er, OK then, but there's really no need."

Saturday night: From the out side. Hoosers, perched on the second floor above a 24-hour parking garage, is not easy to



ager, shows us to a high,

round table whose centre-

piece is a fixed roll of paper

towel. Dana's father, a veter-

an of several Hooters bars in

The interior is kind of the

spot. Its entrance is up some steps leading to a concrete countyard, where the owner. later dolefully admits he was recently mugged. The six of us arrive promptly at 6pm but

Virginia, looks .. confused. are soon to be disappointed.Where are the hooters?" same but one of the girls from exclaims Peter, as a waitress my local Hooters, at Newport News, went on to be a Playsails past in a shapeless white boy centrefold," he says. "I

girl goes past and, noting our chagrin, Ross apologises. "We

Another fully tracksuited are having a little heating problem..." Outside it is a perishing ISF and one of the

gonna do that."

coldest days I can remember. . Though the interior is the regulation sauna-style orange pine, reminiscent of a ski chalet, it is distinctly cool.

"Hi, I'm Anna, Welcome to Hooters. I'm your waitress for this evening." says Anna, hopping op on to one of the high stools and settling in as if to join us for the evening. This is another of Hooters' unique selling points which goes down so well west of the Hudson. While they take orders, the waitresses are required to join your table and chat.

Though slight, Anna's cleavage is bravely on display, peeping from the top of her crop-top. As we look around, it becomes clear that she is the only one sporting enough to expose any part of her body at all. The other girls are sticking to their sweats. their only concession to Hooters being the red flashing badges they wear on each nipple. The wall above us is deco-

don't think anyone here's rated with imitation road "Caucon: blondes thinking!" Next to it is another one: "Warning: high levels of hydrogen peroxide in the air." And another, featuring twin humps, warns simply:

> Bumps. On the neighbouring table a large man has just inserted long ribbed stems of celery up each nostril and is nodding his head, barking like a walrus to cheers from his companions. Anna hands

septic wipe. "Hoosers - delightfully tacky yet unrefined," boasts the menu recalling the original di-

us each a paper

plate and an anti-

1983 by the start-up team of what to name yet another res-taurant chain. "Simple, what else brings a gleam to men's eves everywhere besides beer and chicken wings and an occasional winning football season? Hooters — it is supposed they were into owls!"

Yeah, that owl thing confused people a bit," says Dana's father. "At the grand opening in Newport News. grandmothers took children along thinking it was a nature restaurant."

We order two Sample Platters - "A little bit of everything. Trust us, we never lie." Around us the restaurant erupts as 50 televi-

sion screens show

the Arizona Cardi-

against the Dallas

Cowboys. in his

bouring table has

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the city's sex clubs. Hooters' girls are more Baywatch than Sally Bowles. The atmosphere is saucy postcard not serious sex, and in one corner two young children are cheerfully tucking into a pile of battered buffalo wings, accompanied

by their parents. So why hasn't it caught on here. I ask Richard Yudenfriend, the owner of the franchise, sitting gloomily at the bar. Given that it now has two extremely successful S&M restaurants, is Manhattan too sophisticated? Its taste in sex too dark for this whole

some Midwestern version? "No. no. The problem is that the landlord's not giving me enough signage expo-sure." he grumbles, flicking his tiny ponytail. "No one can find us

"Do you have to have big breasts to work here?"

inquire. "No," he insists. "Just the right personality." Hanging from the ceiling above him, a promotional inflated Budweiser sofa is leaking air with a

"Whenever I go to a different city I always look for the Hooters." says Roberto Rosado, a broker, roosting at the bar in a black woolly cap and alpine sweater. "I came by for a beer once, wanted to be alone, but I loved the staff. I like the Miami Beach Hooters. It's just like this - only 60

As we get up to leave, Yudenfriend calls after us. Come back at the end of next week - we should have auxiliary heating on by then.

How to silence the body when it cries out for a doughnut



In the final extract from his book, Dr Robert C. Atkins says nuts or cream cheese may stop the cravings that threaten to break your diet

Atkins programme is not just: why you must avoid it. Most : foods to beat a craving are about losing weight. it helps you to keep excess pounds off for ever by adding some of your most desired foods to the basic diet. you lost weight on. It also recognises the fact that some-times it is just impossible to resist a craving or the desire to binge — and shows you how to

break the diet and survive. If you do succumb to that craving and go back to sugar, bread or fruit, you suddenly discover that you must have these foods and that no day or meal feels right without them. If this should happen, you will note that the need which develops is genuinely physical. It isn't simply that a doughnut tastes good and that you'd like to have it. No. your body roars with anxiety and passion for that doughnut. And then you know - you bave activated an addiction, just like an alcohol-. ic with his bottle.

This isn't shameful It's physical, it's chemical, it's met-

of you already know that for a significant portion of your life carbohydrates have been stronger than you. But even now you must never ignore a craving; it may pass but it is likely to reappear momentarily when your resolve is weak.

And then you break the diet. Since craving is part of ad-diction, that could trigger a cy-cle of addictive eating behaviour. Your craving appeared, most likely, in a relatively fasting state, it was triggered by a fall in blood glucose and your body perceived a need to put a brake on the falling glucose level and gave a signal that

sweets were needed. Change your physiology from a fasting to a fed state by eating something: in Atkins diet language, food, rich food, and plenty of it - but, of course, fat and protein food with very little or no carbohy-drate. This will stabilise your blood glucose and all the other constituents that give rise to

-abolic - and that's precisely: the craving signal. The best macadamia nuts, the dieter's best friend. Other nut choices are walnuts, pecans or brazils. rich dessert cheese.

. You can also do this with something sweet - artificially so - and with whipping cream. Put three or four tablespoons of whipping cream into a glass and top it with a diet soft drink, or you may opt for diet gelatin dessert with whipping cream. Or try fried pork rings which sound terri-bly fatty but, in fact, contain nearly none. Virtually all the

fat has been rendered off. Similarly, if you binge, it is better to binge on protein/far foods. Not because you can't gain a pound or two if you put away too many thick steaks, but because protein foods are fundamentally self-limiting. Everyone has eaten 30 biscuits in one sitting at some time, but how many people have eaten ten hard-boiled eggs at one sitting? People just don't do it. Protein and fat foods satiate appetite too quickly. The crucial fact about protein foods is that they don't unleash a metabolic tidal wave in your body. Very few people get protein addiction. Your blood glucose lev-

definition involves an element of fat loss. Newly slim people are no longer trying to shed pounds so they don't burn fat. But here is the carch that many dieters don't under-stand: there is very little leaway before you break through the other Critical Carbohydrate Level - the Critical Carbohydrate Level for Maintenance, the one at which you be-



el doesn't rise sharply and fall when you eat an omelette.
On reaching your ideal weight, move on to the maintenance diet. Here you no longer need to practise a ketogenic diet. since ketosis/lipolysis by

gin to gain.

A typical person of average metabolic resistance may find he must stay on between 40 and 60 grams of carbohydrate daily. Eating more than the 40

prevents him from losing more pounds and becoming too thin; eating less than the 60 prevents weight gain.

Once you are on the mainte-nance diet you can eat most vegetables, nuts and berries. You can cautiously reintroduce the vegetables containing more than 10 per cent carbohydrate, as well as whole grains such as oats, barley, millet or buckwheat. You may even be able to handle an occasional potato and a fruit a day. You can begin to use recipes containing some carbohydrates.

ut the last choice for you, the truly hazard-ous indulgence, is sweets. Frankly, you should restrict your consumption of sweets made with real sugars to the occasional slice of birthday cake. Make your own sweets with artificial sweeteners. And remember to be endlessly wary of sugar and corn syrup, white flour and corn starch. Look at labels on packaged foods and avoid like the plague those that contain sugar, corn syrup, honey, maltose, dextrose, fructose, lactose, sorbitol and other variations. Use caffeine and alcohol in moderation.

And if you find yourself gaining weight, don't put off dealing with it - go straight back to the induction phase of the diet. Never allow yourself to be more than a two-week diet away from that goal weight. Do not go back to your maintenance diet without first losing all you have regained. It is simple. A salad a day of carbohydrate and you have slashed your weight back to perfect in as little as six to eight days, or two to three weeks if you have high metabolic resistance.

• Extracted from Dr Atkins' New Diet Revolution, pub-lished by Vermilion at £6.99. Times readers can order it, free of postage/packaging, by calling The Times Bookshop. 0990 134459: Copyright Dr Robert C. Atkins 1999.



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ALL my patients receive a fairly significant amount of vitamins, minerals, essential fatty acids and other nutritional agents. I pre-scribe them because I have learnt that nutrients can have an impact on anyone's health.

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• Catherine Collins, chief dietician at St George's Hospital, London, points out that this diet is not suitable for diabetics. Anyone starting a diet should first consult their doctor.

MEAL PLANNER IDEAS FOR THE MAINTENANCE DIET BREAKFART (All foods on the Induction and the Ongoing Weight Loss

diets are also included.)

's grapefruit; 135g |4's oz) of honeydew or cantaloupe melon; 90g (3oz) of berries, any kind, with a dollop of soured cream or whipped cream (not pre-sweetened); you may add almond, lemon, orange or venilla flavours; 125g (4oz) unflavoured yeghun; comed beaf heeh; eggs Florentine; mushrooms, onlons and eggs. LUNCH
Spinach egg pie – 900g (2h) spinach leaves, 1libsp fresh

basil, 2thep ricotta cheese, 2 egg yolks, 450ml (16fi oz) writipping cream, 100sp grated Parmesan cheese. Prehest oven to 230C/450F/Gas Mark 8. Cook spinach for 1. minute. Cool. Squeeze out excess water. Place in food processor with basil, ricotta, egg yolks and cream. Add sair, pepper and grated nutmen to taste. Pures. Sprinkle with Parmesan. Bake until golden.

DINNER Starters, soups and salads: chilled marineted stuffed fried mushrooms; cold solad of scrambled egg and ecttage cheese with asparagus; stuffed fried mushrooms with goet's cheese. Main columes: chicken caccistors; medallions of lamb with green lentils and

is: French beens with weblut sauce; stuffed peppers.

(Makes four servings, each with 13.6 carb. grams.)

Too sugary, even for the States

Bronwen Maddox asks if America

is ready for Mrs President

he most boring politi-cian in America could have upstaged the impending Senate trial of Bill Clinton. That drama is lacking in direction, momentum or menace. As it happens, a couple of the dreariest had a good shot. The arch-conserva-tive Senator Bob Smith of New Hampshire, in announcing that he might run for the Republican nomination for President in 2000, and Senator John Ashcroft, figurehead of the Religious Right, in hinting that he probably would not, glimmered in the limelight. Neither signal has real import, other than to show how much attention has already turned to the next presidency, regardless of President Clin-

But it was Elizabeth Dole who deservedly grabbed this week's headlines. Her announcement that she was stepping down as President of the Red Cross to consider "exciting possibilities" was read, as intended, as a sign that she might run for the presidential nomination. Can Bob Dole's wife, who threw

herself so prominently into his unsuccessful 1986 bid for the White House, succeed where her husband failed? Will America have its first female President? For all the de-

For sure, that ex-

lighted speculation, the answer is almost certainly and no. The barrier is not the national reluctance to elect a second-rate woman as its head.

ists, but is shrinking, and no longer seems insurmountable. The greater problem, in Mrs Dole's case, is that she is second-rate. If Elizabeth Hanford Dole, 62, ran for the Republican presidential nomination, she would be only the second woman to do so. The first, Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine, in 1964, won

only 225,000 primary votes. But it is not just novelty which has generated the buzz arouna Mrs Doie inis week Repeated polls of Republican voters pin her second only to George W. Bush, son of the former President, as the most popular candidate. A Harvard-educated lawyer from North Carolina, she can claim to know Washington from the inside; she worked in non-elected positions in six Administrations, including Deputy Assistant for Consumer Affairs for President Nixon, Secretary of Transportation under Presi-

Labour under President Bush. She won rave reviews for her speech at the 1996 Republican National Convention, and won more airtime in championing her husband in his 1996 campaign. She is thought casily capable of raising the \$25 million or so needed for the primary election campaign. A born-again Christian, she has a stronger appeal to the Religious Right than George W. Bush.

dent Reagan and Secretary of

She can offer her party its iong-sought solution to the "gender gap" - women's relarive antipathy to Republicanism. Not least, and with more subtle appeal than the Clinions: 1992 slogan of "two for the price of one", she offers the reassuring backdrop of her widely liked husband.

But Mrs Dole's shortcomings are also glaring. She has never before sought elective office, nor been forced to spell out her policies in detail. Nor are those policies clear, be-yord her opposition to abortion. Originally a Democrat, she became an Independent during the Nixon Administra-tion and converted to Republi-canism on marrying Bob Dole. A campaign would also reopen scrutiny of her past financial dealings, particular-ly gains she is said to have made in the 1930s from having

her personal finances handled

by an adviser who had close

knowledge of legislation her husband was helping to craft. But above all, you could not call her a natural politician. Known for conscientious overpreparation, there is something of the Harriet Harman about her. As Time magazine put it: "Elizabeth never gets a word or pause or chuckle out of place, but she can no more ad lib than levitate." Even when cast in the role of top executive, she plays it as head

girl: she once greeted employees in the parking lot with a Stop sign so that she could check The real problem is, their seatbelts. The message she she is sends is confusing: ten parts Southern untried

girlishness, with a doll-like fringe, to one part steely exec-utive. She has fashioned a saccharine style, helped by her honeyed accent, which has prompted one conservative commentator to note: "A warning should be passed out to diabetics - after

ten minutes, they'll suffer from

sugar shock."

So while she is often com-pared with Hillary Clinton, the First Lady is in a different league. True, there are similarities: both are Methodists, were raised in comfortable middle-class surroundings, and trained as lawyers. But there is a chasm between the diffidence and evasiveness of the 1950s-style Southern belle, and the purposefulness of Hillary's Chicago-honed,

1960s passions.

Mrs Dole's stiltedness should not, however, lead observers to exaggerate the barriers to a woman becoming President. The conservatism of many Americans about women's role, despite the vigour of the feminist movement, remains one of the country's paradoxes. But as the polls have shown this week, voters' feelings are changing. Many seem now to feel they could live with a female President. particularly a Republican, who would not seem as offput-

It would be a shame if Mrs Dole's near-certain failure to win the party's nomination led observers - or future candidates - to overestimate the barriers to women. She could perhaps more plausibly, aim to become America's first female Vice-President. As running-mate to George W. Bush, she would bring balance to the Texan's ticket.

tingly radical as a Democrat.

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"TAKE THIS ... IT'LL DO YOU A POWER OF GOOD ...

Herrs to the revolution

his will be Berlin's year. A new German Government is moving to an old German capital. But what sort of Government, and what sort of city?

Conventional wisdom compares Gerhard Schröder with Tony Blair. One genuine point in common is that both were picked as candidates by the media before they were chosen by their party. The comparison to Blair, in Schröder's case, was part of the anointing process Itself. They share telegenic looks and a rhetoric of modernisation. But in some ways the parallels are misleading. With his private schooling, his stint at Oxbridge and his lucrative practice at the Bar, Blair is a typical product of a privileged background.

Schröder, whose father was killed on the Russian Front, comes from the debris of postwar German society. His mother was a charwoman; his first job was in an ironmonger's shop; his degree was eventually obtained at night school. He became a leader of the Jusos, the SPD's youth organisation in the early Seventies, when it was well to the Lett of the party, and took active part in mass demonstrations. The aura of moderate pragmatism is quite recent. But there is no lack of charm: sturdy good looks. attractive thick voice, mischievous the Government in less smile. Blair appears an over-eager

adolescent by comparison.

The larger difference, however, is institutional. The SPD is not in thrall to its leader. It is a very different party from new Labour. Twice the size. with 700,000 members, it has a culture noticeably more working class. The atmosphere of an SPD rally is closer to Labour meetings of the Sixties or Seventies than to anything in Britain today. Trade unions in Germany weathered the Eighties better, and enjoy stronger organisations lies in the regional

distribution of power in the SPD. Germany's federal structure means that political careers are made first of winning a provincial election in Hanover to leadership of the country, is entitled to his party's gratitude. But he has no deep-rooted following within it. Indeed, he was widely distrusted, the party's attitude recalling the view expressed by Claud Cockburn that "charm and dependability so rarely go together".

Perry Anderson on the former student when it ebbed, it left behind a rich fenland of counter-cultural enclaves in West Germany. Here the environmental concerns of the Eighties found

The map

of Berlin

is defined

in varying

shades of

red

pronouncements, I fear, to make Edinburgh's Speculative Society.

Oskar Lafontaine, whose skill, charisma and discipline galvanised the SPD machine in the years of Helmut Kohl's decline. Lafontaine was another postwar orphan from a poor family, educated by Jesuits in the Saar, who became the brightest of his generation of SPD politicians. He is intellectually better prepared

than Schröder, with more decided views. As Minister of Finance, and SPD chairman, his position is unusually strong. Lafontaine is the first Western politician of aggressively Keynesian outlook in 25 years. He has already seen off Schröder's attempt to install a wan version of Richard Branson as Economics Ministerand chalms the Bunderhall.

isterand shaken the Bundesbank. The direction of the Government, of course, will not be set by the SPO alone. The rules of any German coalition give significant leverage to the lesser partner. The Greens are likely to pull conventional directions than social democracy, left to its own devices.

would follow. The figure of Joschka Fischer, the Green Foreign Minister, indicates why this should be so. Son of another victim of

the war, a labourer expelled from Bohemia in 1946, he is a survivor of the student radicalism of the Sixties. In those years, he led one of the most Eighties better, and enjoy stronger daring "spontaneist" groups in Frank-relations with the party. A still more important difference between the two assembly line in an Opel factory to rouse the working class to revolt. When management flushed them out, Fischer turned to the squatters' movement in Frankfurt, organising a and foremost in the Lander. Sch-röder, catapulted within six months block police action against housing mobile strike force, the Putztruppe, to occupations, matching violence with

violence where need be. Eventually a demonstration against the death of Ulrike Meinhof in 1976 got out of hand and a policeman was nearly killed. Fischer was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder, but released for lack of evidence. Changing his mind about

Rotherham Man smart.

BILLY ZANE, the panto baddie

Chelsea Cinema, he stormed out.

yelling that the screen was blurred.

focus — a detail the one-eyed projectionist had failed to spot.

The members' favourite remains the legitimacy of civil violence, he spent some years' driving a cab and dabbling in philosophy, then joined the Greens and quickly rose to the top as their most flexible and articulate

> Fischer's career can be seen as in. many ways emblematic. He is the first chemically pure product of 1968 to become a front-rank politician in Western Europe. The revolt of that year left deeper and more durable traces in German society than anywhere else. The mass movements were more spectacular in France and cultural staying power.

Three features set the German upheaval apart. Morally, the awakening of 68 was also a first attempt to settle accounts with the prominent Nazi came from Berlin.

national past, as a genera-tion started to discover and confront the record of its parents in the Nazi years. Intellectually, the revolt drew on a much richer complex of indigeterparts elsewhere. The students who triggered with the ease and lack of distance that we associate stronghold. with reading Smith or Mill Moreover, the radi-

was no body of social and philosophical work remotely rivalling its influ-

Finally, there was a strain in the national culture at large that relayed the momentum of the late Sixties and early Seventies into the Green movement a decade later. This was, of course; the long tradition of German Romanticism, interpreted broadly, from Werther to Wenders, the most enduring strand in the sensibility of

the country's intelligentsia.
In a great variety of different registers, two motifs remained constant: an acute sense of the mystery of the natural world, and of the high calling of youth. The Greens are the populist heirs to this tradition. The

a natural habitat. Germany is the one country where the question of what has ultimately become of the experience of 68 will be pot to a direct test.

The reinstating of Berlin as the capital next year will, if anything, only underline this progressive thro

to the Left. No European city has accreted so many misleading legends as Berlin. To resist them is easier, however, than to capture the clusive realities now taking shape behind them. Most people associate Berlin with Prussian military tradition, Bismarck's autocracy, Nazi violence and megaloma-Italy, but they did not have the same nia. In fact, Frederick II preferred his complex in Potsdam, Bismarck disliked Berlin so much that, after unification, he wanted to make Kassel the capital of the country. No

> erlin was not a natural setting for reaction. In 1848 it saw the hardest fighting at the barricades of any city in Germany. By the turn of the century, it was the most industrialised capital nous ideas than its coun- in Europe, with a working-class population to match, It led the November Revolution and was the the movement read Marx scene of the Spartakist Rising. In the Weimar period, it was a left-wing

The Third Reich and the Cold War cut off these traditions. After Hitler's cal Frankfurt School occu- fall, the division of Berlin masked the pied a unique position question of what, if any, underlying within the generally conservative continuities might have survived. The culture of the Federal Republic. There The Left won every single district. The map of the city is just one colour, in two shades: bright Social Democratic red in the west and southeast, deep post-Communist red in the centre and northeast.

Compare Paris, a permanent fief of the Right: Rome, where Fini's ex-Fascists are the largest party; or even London, where Ken Livingstone will never sweep Westminster or Kensington. Bismarck's nightmare has come true. Berlin is going to be the most left-wing capital in Europe.

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revolutionary ferment of 68, however comment@the-times.co.uk

Oh my lord

AMONG the more startling disclosures expected in the forthcoming biography of Peter Mandelson, Mandy, is that the former minister calls his mother "Duchess". He shares this peculiar practice, I gather, with his tellow bachelor, the disc spinner Sir Jimmy Savile (pictured right), as well as those princes of darkness, the Krays. Social commentators and osychologists are pondering why be cannot make do with "Mary". The lottner Labour MP and psycho-babbler Leo Abse believes it tells us rather a lot about Wendy's ambition.

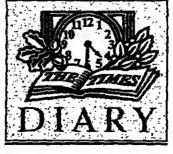
Duchesses have sons who are earls and counts," he says. "No doubt it reinforces his delusions of grandeur. Another indication is that he idolises his mother and is bound to her to such an excessive extent that he can't be bound to other women." Lord Hattersley, like Savile, from South Yorkshire. says it is an unusual name even for ferret fanciers. "I've never heard anyone use it where I come from. If I called my mother that, she would think I had gone crackers. It is more Cockney than Yorkshire, and used by people who have an unnatural interest in duchesses." Anthony Clare, the radio quack. suggests it reflects the aspirations

of Wendy as much as Mary - "a powerful figure in his life, although his house could easily be the home of a duchess". Jean Aitchison, a Professor of Language at Oxford, suspects of Wellington suggested to Queen



inspiration from Alice in Wonderland: "The duchess says 'I heat my little boy when he sneezes'." And Jonathon Green, slang aficionado, says: "It is prolemrian, possibly East End Jewish. It first arose in the 17th century to describe a good-looking, vulgar woman."

● AFTER my little scoop on birds nesting at the Dome, I am reminded that the Great Exhibition, the Dome's illustrious forebear, suffered similarly. The Duke



Victoria: "Try sparrowhawks. Ma' am!" Perhaps Lord Falconer of Thoroton should do likewise.

Toff nosing

SEND for the toffs: the latest cry of William Hague after he axed Viscount Cranborne. After his flirtation with the Church, the Tory leader has trained his field-glasses on the green welly tendency. "I could not help noticing that when the Green movement was at its most vociferous at the end of the 1980s," be will say in a forthcoming paper, "we had Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth, which were run by an Old Etonian hereditary

contrast to the Conservative

it will take a lot more than these

en la reconstrucción de la comparta La comparta de la co

peer and an Old Etonian baronet respectively. That was in stark

Opening time SIR WALTER SCOTT'S haunt has been chilled by a blast of feminism.



saw an absentee landlord"

husband to Kate Winslet in Tran- Edinburgh, is being challenged to ic, clearly thinks he has the open its gates to women. There is even talk of legal action. "It is an old boys" club and an director's eye. On a visit to the Staff found that the film was out of

anachronism," says Sandra Eden, a law lecturer. She demands that the club, which Robert Louis Stevenson called "the best thing in Edinburgh", allows her into its rooms to join the candlelight discussions. The university promises to "investigate". OXFORD is considering hiring

the university debating and dining club which has succoured males

since 1764, including the Duke of

security guards to keep out stu-dents refusing to pay taition fees. The 12 rebels have been told that unless they pay E1000 by next week, they will be banned from every quad and spire. But it admits that without guards it will be impossible to keep the students. from lectures. Such a move would offend liberal dons, but otherwise other students might consider the university toothless and join the rebels. A conundrum; indeed. -

Narky Parky THE man who put the chit into

chat, Michael Parkinson, is scath-

ing about the new breed of

decorative televisual hosts. Melin-



da Messenger, the blonde belter who has traded modelling for a career of sorts on Channel 5, comes

in for particular criticism. Simply, he believes she is not up to the job. "You've got to train," he says sternly. Take the producers who gave a talk show to her. Supposing I went along to them and said: By the way, you are the executive producer - I'm giving your job to Kylie Minague [above]. What would they say?" Is Parky feeling inscoure?

JASPER GERARD

These we have missed

Let's celebrate our living legends, says Giles Coren

he loss of not one but two singing cowboys in 1998 was dismissed by most of us as one of death's little ironies. The Grim Reaper seemed to be struggling - very much against the grain of his specific remit - to bring off something rather with with a couple of finely chosen sweeps of his scythe. Something, at any rate, worthy of a Wildean

Once the laugher had died down, however, and it came time, on new year's morning, to leaf through the colour mags annual double-page offerings of the past 12 months most significant croaks, it was not so much the fact that Gene Autry and Roy Rogers were no longer with us that seemed difficult to grasp, as the seemed difficult to grasp, as the fact that, until so very recently, they had actually been walking about exchanging pleasantries with the neighbours, burning their tongues on too-hot coffee and banging their toes on doors and bed legs.

I was hurled back instantaneously to the Christmas of 1994. when grazing through that year's grim selection of inch-square celebrity grins (they wouldn't have been smiling if they'd known), I was moved to call out to my girlfriend in the bathroom: Did you know that Eugene

Ionesco had died? A disbelieving head popped round the door, and she gurgled through lips that frothed, with toothpaste I assumed, rather than with indignation at the loss inflicted upon France's tradition of Absurdist theatre:

Tonesco was alive?"

I felt similarly this year about Maureen O'Sullivan. Martha Gellhorn, and Ferdinand Porsche, and last year, almost cripplingly, about Laurie Lee. What a waste that they should have been alive, and we didn't know.

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Still sweating a little at the near-vitality of those two stetsoned crooners; I flew to my books, computer and telephone. If they had been alive, then so, too, might others have been. Was it possible, for example, that the greatest cowboy of them all rode on? There, at www.loneranger. com, was confirmation: "Clayton Moore will be 85 in September." I ran round the house singing Rossini's most famous overture until it hurt (Rossini is dead, by

the way).
1999 had begun as well as I could have dreamt. This is what the supplements should be giving us - not lists of those who are dead, but those who struggle on. ...

Let us not weep at the passing of Alice Faye, but celebrate the continued good health of 91-yearold Fay Wray. We have lost Frank Muir, but there is still time to write fan letters to Denis Norden. Stanley Matthews and Tom Finney are still here. Don't wait for grainy photos of their knobbly knees and hobnailed football boots to tell you they have gone. .. Shirley Temple is alive, and Don Bradman, and Buzz Aldrin and Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, and Evel Knievel. Desert Orchid, now 19, had a trot out on Boxing Day before the King George VI at Kempton Park and looked in fine fettle. There are still 13 of the original Munchkins on

the planet, you know.

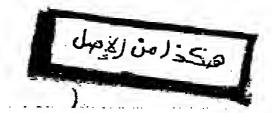
Don't walk around glum that every year wipes out another handful of Carry On stars - we still have Barbara Windsor, Jim Dale and Joan Sims. Apart from Steve McQueen and Yul Brynner. we still have most of the Magnificent Seven. Well, I can't seem to track down Brad Dexter, as such. But that is probably a good sign.

A nd there is philosophy in all of this. It may be a formight late for Christian consolations, but ask yourself is Frank Sinatra really any less alive than Bob Hope? We have come full circle in this age of celebrity, and arrived back at a point where we should be able to accept that death really is only a shuffling off of the mortal coil, for 6ft of earth cannot dent record sales, or prevent the television

repeats of MGM musicals.
The dead will always have their moment. It is the living who need our attention. I look forward to a time when Peter Sissons will introduce the last item on the news by lowering his voice a little. looking very seriously at the camera, and saying: "Finally. Mike Yarwood, the comedian whose impression of Harold Wilson made him a household name in the 1970s, and who for many represents the last of a forgotten breed in British television, was still alive yesterday at his home in -Surrey. He is not even ill. He was not on stage at the time. The world of light entertainment is not in mourning . Mr Yarwood is

Alan Coren is away. comment@the-times.co.uk





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CREATURES OF EUROLAND

Serpents lurk in the lush euro-pastures extolled by politicians

· Committee In Europe's financial centres this week, the for example, this could in theory drag euro has made a suave entry. That by no means assures future success. On the streets, euro-II citizens are being exhorted by jubilant politicians and glossy brochures to revel in a "new era for Europe". So far, so painless; and so abstract. Since consumers will go on using their national coinage until 2002, the momentous irreversibility of what has just occurred has yet to sink in. So has the realisation that the advent of what is still a virtual currency cannot gurantee more jobs, a surge in growth or greater unity of political purpose among euroland's 11 members.

On the contrary, as is clear from our recent series on euroland's fault-lines, the euro's chief potential advantage, the transparency it will bring to commerce and to relative economic performance, will throw into sharp relief a host of tensions between the EU's North and South, town and country, old and young, dynamic zones and the Belgian or French rustbelts, between Dutch high technology and no-hope lands in east Germany and Italy's south, between the sluggish core and the overheating Irish or Spanish "periphery".

This is far from being an optimal currency zone with compatible characteristics and needs. Despite strenuous efforts to close the gaps on public debt, deficits and inflation - efforts that will be politically: hard to sustain now that victory has so resoundingly and prematurely been declared — huge disparities remain between and within countries. Farming, industry and services have very different weights in national GDPs. Unemployment is nil in Luxembourg and 19 per cent in Spain, where wages are half those in Germany.

Yet a single exchange rate and monetary policy must now fit all; and when only Finland and Luxembourg have public debt ratios below Maastricht's 60 per cent threshold and Belgium's and Italy's are more than double, there is little fiscal leeway. So flexible labour markets will have to compensate for lost autonomy. Yet confront the trauma of pulping currencies few governments are prepared to take the political heat of rapid deregulation. The euro could, as its fans claim, make the EU more competitive; but that would risk. social unrest which, in France and east Germany, could turn violent. If pan-Euro-

down labour costs at the core. In practice, France and Germany would demand tax, social security and wage harmonisation to combat "social dumping". For the Mezzo-giorno, that would be the kiss of death.

Euroland's publics are ill-prepared, because ill-informed, for trouble ahead. Leaders bent on an elitist project, which has throughout ruthlessly disdained the need for democratic assent, have attacked sceptics as unpatriotic, while presenting the euro as a panacea for every European ill. Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the French Finance Minister, even asserts that the euro will make the EU the world's fastest growing region this year - a rash boast when Italy has downgraded its estimates to 1.8 per cent, and German growth could slow to a miserable 1.4 per cent. As for France's boast that the euro will mark "a new age in job creation", IMF simulations indicate that even if eurozone governments free up labour markets far more aggressively than most intend, by 2010 the euro will have cut dole queues by just 2 per cent. Without such flexibility, it expects unemployment to rise by then by 2 per cent.

The consequences could be explosive. That is why politicians, desperate for faster growth, are already on collision course against the European Central Bank which, by their own design, is statutorily immune to political pressure and barred by treaty from diluting its auti-inflationary mandate. Inflation already threatens the periphery; but the core countries need low interest rates and tight fiscal policy. They may well get the opposite. If Red-Green Germany, no longer an anchor of fiscal conservatism. overspends, the ECB could raise interest rates excessively as a show of strength.

Never in history has a multinational currency union succeeded. The EU has embarked on this unprecedentedly risky experiment with only a shallow, largely passive, consensus. Elites may feel more "European"; but as 2002 nears and people that form part of their sense of history and community, they may turn more, not less nationalist. In the lush euro-uplands of political rhetoric, lurk serpents of popular resentment ready to bite their masters' heels. It will take many years to find out pean producers migrated to low-cost areas, ... whether these beasts can be truly tamed.

A SCOTTISH LANDSLIDE

Dewar plays on the pipes of auld resentment

In Scotland a mix of politics and populist sentiment ferment into a headstrong brew. Almost two centuries have passed since the Highland Clearances, when rapacious Scottish landowners forcibly evicted thousands of crofters so as to turn their estates over to more profitable sheep farming. But, in the national imagination, resentment of this historical cruelty still festers. Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, was intenton soothing old grudges when he allowed land reform to rise to the top of his legislative agenda and, just over a year ago, set up the Land Reform Policy Group. But Mr Dewar was responding to more than merely nostalgic pressures yesterday when he unveiled a plan claimed by Labour to be the most important shake-up to land ownership since the Middle Ages. In Scotland, polls show the Labour Party increasingly threatened by nationalist sentiment. Mr Dewar hopes his radical proposals will compete with the Scottish National Party and thwart its further rise.

Certain aspects of the Scottish system of land tenure need overhauling. Medieval: feudalism, long ended in England, endures in Scotland. Estate owners are feudal superiors, with rights and proscriptions over their vassals. This antiquated form of tenure is open to abuse. But the Land Reform Policy Group delegates specific responsibility for feudal reform to the Scottish Law Commission. Instead, its inquiries have addressed the emotive issue of largescale land ownership.

The possession of sweeping Scottish

estates by aristocrats, the English and foreigners arouses animosity. Those who live and work on the land can find their farms sold from under their feet without consultation or warning. Under the stewardship of a few notorious absentees, estates degenerate into depopulated wastelands, local communities wither and disperse. But several, more responsible landowners keep the economies of otherwise unviable tracts of land alive. Shooting and fishing provide seasonal employment, vast integral estates provide a haven for wildlife, bringing valuable tourist income to their isolated communities.

Mr Dewar may hope to seduce the Scottish electorate. But his proposals to enable compulsory government purchase of mismanaged estates are rashly inflammatory. Irresponsible lairds could be deterred by a few, carefully aimed reforms, such as the establishment of an accessible register of land owners or legally enforceable minimum upkeep requirements. Several of Mr Dewar's ideas will prove, when debated in the Scottish Parliament, to be sensible components of gradual reform. They will lead to increased diversity of land use, and offer Scottish people greater involvement in running their communities. But in playing to the nationalist grandstand, Mr Dewar not only risks pointlessly exacerbating divisions between land owners and tenants, but shows that the winning of party political advantage in this emotive issue has become as covetous and expedient as the Clearances ever were.

RELATIVE TRUST

Disturbing allegations of 'backdoor' euthanasia

Doctors today need to be as expert in ethics as anatomy. Fine judgments about the balance between relieving pain and preserving life are among the most difficult they have to face. Confronted with an elderly man who writhes in agony, a doctor. might well feel it necessary to sedate him. Some doctors, however, are accused today of seeing sedation as more than just a

temporary relief from pain. Patients' children have noted that their parents have suffered from dehydration after sedation, and then died from an infection. The cry has been raised that doctors are allowing "backdoor euthanasia". Physicians argue they have simply been trying to ease suffering. As we report, there is a disturbing trend of such cases in Britain's hospitals. A thorough investigation of these deaths and clear guidance for doctors on the use of sedatives is essential if the medical profession is to avoid accusations of allowing doctors to play God with

their patients. White doctors treating patients in a persistent vegetative state must refer their. case to the courts before switching off any case in the course whether it is life support system or denying them food ethically right to help nature to take its and water, doctors whose patients have course."

common illnesses are left to "exercise their clinical judgment". Some, it seems, sedate their patients and deprive them of food and water - allegedly without the patient's authorisation or that of his or her family. If a patient dies, the death certificate will commonly state that the cause of death was the underlying medical condition, not dehydration. This lack of regulation and transparency must be addressed.

The British Medical Association is currently consulting its members on the guidelines surrounding this practice. It should recommend greater clarity in the way doctors make decisions about a patient's treatment, and how they commumicate that decision to the patient or his family. If doctors are expected to refer a case of patient in a permanent vegetative state to the courts, why should they not be

expected to do the same for other patients? Yet this debate must not obscure the more crucial question. Why were doctors sedating their patients? There appear to be a multitude of reasons, depending on the specific circumstances. Whatever the case, the BMA should decide whether it is

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Educating children about 'soft' and 'hard' drugs

From the Chief Executive of the Standing Conference on Drug Abuse

Sir, You report (January 2) that Keith Hellawell, the UK Anti-Drugs Coordinator is questioning the effectiveness of education about drug use.

In the Government's White Paper, Tackling Drugs to Build a Better Britain, published last April, ten Secretaries of State said:

Action will be concentrated in areas of greatest need and risk. All drugs are harmful . . . And we will focus on those that cause the greatest damage including beroin and

It is simply not true to say that drug education has "not worked". It is becoming clearer from research that drug education, delivered in the proper context and in the appropriate way, has the potential to reduce drug misuse or at least to delay the onset of experimentation. This in turn is more likely to reduce the prospect of a young person's drug use turning into a more harmful and risky dependent

Following the White Paper, the De-partment for Education and Employment published guidance to schools and the youth service on good practice and drug education, Protecting Young People. In his foreword to the guidance, Keith Hellawell said:

Many schools have already established their drug education policies. Many exam-ples of good practice have emerged. We need now to share this information and en-courage all schools to take note of best

As Mr Hellawell will be aware, the national curriculum is under review and advisers and ministers are already considering the future role of personal; social and health education. including drug education. This will undoubtedly reinforce the need for a comprehensive programme to be delivered to all young people from age

Keith Hellawell and the Govern-

Sir, As a Cypriot whose ethnic back-ground is Greek, I would like to respond to Mr Osman Streater (letter,

January 4).

I have never made the distinction

between Greek and Turkish Cypriots

because I believe that this distinction

has greatly assisted in creating the

present situation. Recalling times be-

fore the invasion by Turkey my own

experiences are that both communi-

ties coexisted on the Island peacefully.

However, I believe the attitude to-

wards Turks from the mainland was

Now that there has been a great

unport of mainland Turks to northern

Cyprus it would be very difficult for

the island to be integrated. Therefore

separation may be the only peaceful

solution. However. Osman Streater

compares a mutually agreed ex-change of population in 1923 with an

invasion in 1974 which resulted in loss

and is altogether different.

Peace in Cyprus

From Mr George Christodoulou

ment need to recognise that throughout the world there is no drugs education programme that can absolutely guarantee to stop young people from ever taking drugs. If that is the sole objective, then the policy will fail. The aim has to be to reduce the damage that misuse of drugs can cause our

ROGER HOWARD. Chief Executive, Standing Conference on Drug Abuse, 32-36 Loman Street, SEI OEE.

From Dr Richard Cookson

Sir, Keith Hellawell wants schoolteachers to stop talking to British children about "soft" drugs. But will this change in policy actually succeed in preventing children from taking Ecstacy and cannabis? The truth is that nobody knows - and we may be missing an excellent opportunity to find out.

A rigorously designed scientific trial of this new drugs education cam-paign should be carried out in a care-fully selected region of Britain. Over time, scientists could compare drugtaking behaviour in this region with drug-taking behaviour in other regions. This would provide high quality scientific evidence about what form of drugs education campaign works best, which would be of genuine and lasting value in dealing with the British drugs problem.

A blanket change in drugs education policy across the whole of Britain will not provide useful scientific evidence, because scientists will not be able to disentangle the effects (if any) of Hellawell's policy from those of all the other possible influences on drugtaking behaviour. And all the old drugs arguments will continue, based not on scientific evidence but on the usual heady mixture of gut instinct, ideology and the understandable

political pressures on the "drug czar" to be seen to be doing something. Yours faithfully, RICHARD COOKSON, LSE Health, London School of Economics,

Houghton Street, WC2A 2AE. r.cookson@lse.ac.uk young people. January 2. Yours faithfully, From Father Jim Duffy

January 4.

Sir. My confidence in drug czar Keith Hellawell took a knock when I read that he was proposing that "reformed drug users could be used in more schools to give talks to pupils". Does he not realise that impressionable and immature, over-confident, young people, particularly those at greatest risk, will take one look at a reformed user or addict lecturing them about the dangers of drug use and say to themselves, "If he or she can kick the habit, so could I."

Keep reformed users out of the schools. Users or addicts who have failed to kick the habit and who are still not in control of their lives would be far more effective.

Yours sincerely. JIM DUFFY, 5 Park Road, Rickmansworth. Hertfordshire WD3 1HU.

From Mr A. J. Turner

Sir, You report that "there will be no jobs ... in the Army or the police force" for those with a record of drugrelated offences.

As the professionals who most influence youngsters are teachers and youth workers, perhaps that prohibition should be extended to them.

Your obedient servant, ANDREW TURNER (Vice-Chairman, Conservative National Education Society). 2 Northwood Place. Cowes, Isle of Wight PO31 7TN.

Efficiency resolutions for MPs

From Dr M. J. Burchell

under siege for several years. Exter-nal audits of my institution's procedures, my teaching, my research, efficiency gains (ie. enforced cuts in income), etc. are never-ending. But whereas I have previously objected to these external attacks on my occupation, I have recently come to understand them better. It has become clear to me that any group of professionals which has control over its own activities and revenues eventually comes to serve its own interests, and not those of the general public.

of life, mainly on the Greek side. At that time Turkish Cypriots made up approximately 18 per cent of the population. Now mainland Turkey holds over 40 per cent of the island. Surely a statesmanlike response from Turkey would be to return some land as a positive move towards lasting

Yours faithfully. GEORGE CHRISTODOULOU. 57 The Broadway, NW7 3DA. January 4.

Mandelson resignation

From Mr William Hamilton

peace.

Sir, Lord Rees-Mogg compares Peter Mandelson's case with examples from history ("The noble tradition of British risk-takers", January 4). The point, surely, is that standards

are stricter now, and that Mandelson's conduct as a minister was in breach of guidelines which his Gov-ernment had endorsed, and which his party had assured the electorate it would observe if elected.

Yours faithfully, WILLIAM HAMILTON. Pine Cottage, Fernhurst. Haslemere, Surrey GU27 3EE. January 4.

Redstarts stop Dome?

From Dr David Carvel

Sir. How delightful it was to read of the humble and endangered black redstart threatening to halt work on the Millennium Dome (report, January 5]. I am unsure if Lord Palconer of Thoroton would be the best person to deal with this sensitively.

Is it not poignant that little black redstarts could hold up a massive white elephant?

Yours faithfully, DAVID CARVEL, 13 Edgemont Street, Shawlands, Glasgow G41 3EH. carvel@compuserve.com January 5.

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e-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk

(2) Parliament should move to a fixed five-year cycle. All MPs should collect Sir, As a university lecturer I have felt statistics on their own performance during the life of a Parliament, in-cluding attendance record, voting rec-

Given that by its attacks on the various professions the Government seems to share my beliefs, I trust it will rapidly adopt the following: (I) The annual costs of the House of Commons should be identified. These

should include salaries, pensions, heating, maintenance of fabric, full cost of all support staff, etc. There should then be imposed on this cost an annual efficiency gain of 5 per cent. This should last for five years, at which stage further annual efficiency gains should still be imposed.

Below the waves

From Mr James Benson

Sir. Your obituary of Captain William Meeke (December 29), while rightly applauding the ground-breaking contribution he made to the development of the first X-craft in 1942-43, was incorrect in two of its references to those craft.

First, these were four-man submarines, not two-man. Second, the prospects of an X-craft's crew returning safely from an attack were not limited to "escaping from the X-craft and making for the surface".

The explosive charges that one dropped beneath the keel of one's target were fitted with time-clocks affording up to an eight-hour delay

Addressing postcodes

Sir. Why should addresses contain

Yours sincerely. MICHAEL HARMAN, Holmwood, 37 Upper Park Road, Camberley, Surrey GUI5 2EG. January 2

From Dr Tony Pearson

Still, postcodes can be unnecessarily lengthy. I once sent a postcard from the United States bearing a friend's name and the address: IoW, UK. It reached its destination.

Yours etc. TONY PEARSON. ment should be changed every Parliament and published only two thirds of the way through a Parliament. Given the Prime Minister's evident

ord, number of speeches given, num-

ber of amendments moved, number

of laws introduced or passed, number

of constituents' letters answered, etc.

At the end of the cycle these statistics

should be assessed by an external, in-

dependent body who will award each

MP a rating I to 5 as appropriate. These ratings should be published in time for the elections to the next

Parliament. To prevent MPs playing

the system, the rules of this assess-

desire for constitutional reform, I look forward to rapid adoption of my proposals.

Yours faithfully, M. J. BURCHELL, 121b Whitstable Road, Canterbury, Kent CT2 7NR. m.j.burchell@ukc.ac.uk January 3.

before the four tons of Amatol

exploded. Even at a submerged speed of only

one-and-a-half to two knots this still enabled these 5ft diameter craft to get well clear, as witness the successful attacks and returns to base achieved by several of Meeke's successors among them Max Shean (X 24, Bergen, April 1944), the late Percy Westmacott (X 24, Bergen, September

Yours faithfully, JAMES BENSON (Co-author, Above Us The Waves, Harrap, 1953). 64 Harley House, Marylebone Road, NWI 5HL

From Mr M. G. Harman

more than the postcode, asks Mr Ray Perkins (letter, December 28; see also letters. January 1)? The simple answer is redundancy.

A single error in any character in a postcode will generally be correctable only with great difficulty, if at all. whereas clerical errors in ordinary addresses are often corrected subconsciously without even being noticed.

Sir, Mr Perkins will be pleased to know that I routinely use just a name and postcode on envelopes, sometimes with the first line of an address. The Post Office never fails to deliver.

Poplar Farm, IP31 3SL.

1944) and Ian Fraser (XE 3, Singapore, July 1945).

December 29.

From Mrs M. D. Wicks Sir, I believe there is every reason to use our village and county when

addressing envelopes. Many of us in East Cornwall refuse to use the Plymouth, Devon, postcode we have been given, which does not

rellect our area. Businesses assume, on the basis of the code, that we are city dwellers and quote prices accordingly, and quite unfairly, particularly for services such as car insurance.

Yours sincerely, M. D. WICKS, Tresco, Calstock Road. Gunnislake, Cornwall. January 2.

From Mr Barrie Jenks

January 1.

Sir, Sir Francis Beaufort would request that Reg Gale (letter, January 1) should either change his surname to Storm, or move next door to number eight so that his postcode address would be "meteorologically" correct, ie, Gale Force Eight or Storm Force

Yours faithfully, BARRIE JENKS. Bromsgrove Boaters, Norvencliffe Redcliffe Street, Worcester WR3 7AP. barriejenks@compuserve.com

Roman dates lead to Latin headache

From Sir George Engle, QC

Sir, Writing 1999 in Roman numerals has its problems (report and leading article. January 1): but saying it in Latin, unless I am mistaken, needed no less than II syllables, viz mille nongenti nonaginta novem. This makes the French mille neuf cent quatre-vingt dix-neuf (eight syllables) look comparatively economical; but our almost telegraphese "nineteen ninety-nine" (five syllables) is the clear

winner for brevity.
I have always wondered why the French have had the patience to put up for so long with quatre-vingt dix-neuf for 99 in everyday speech. The answer seems to be that it is a legacy from Caesar's conquest of Gaul.

Yours faithfully, GEORGE ENGLE, 32 Wood Lane, Highgate, N6 5UB.

From Mr Andrew Laurie

Sir, MDCCCCLXXXXVIIII or MIM? It comes as no surprise to read that Roman bureaucrats would have preferred to pepper their documents with

long-windedness.

Museums around here are full of inscriptions made by those Romans who had better things to do (like defending the Empire) and so used

abbreviations.

MIM will do fine for me.

Yours sincerely, ANDREW LAURIE, VII St Oswald's Road, Hexham, Northumberland NEXLVI IIHF. andrew.laurie@virgin.net January 1.

From Mr Norman Sanders

Sir, "We shall all know what we will celebrate in the year MM," you tell us. Most certainly. The number MM is a nice round soft landing — an easily recognised end to two millennia whereas its successor, MMI, is an asymmetrical upstart, an appropriate intrusion signifying the start of another millennium.

The Roman system - which didn't contain a zero — offers indisputable evidence that the Government, the BBC, the Churches, the hoteliers and even The Times have got it wrong by a

There's hope yet that the Jubilee Line will be on time.

Yours faithfully. NORMAN SANDERS. Wainut Tree Cottage, Tattingstone Park, Ipswich IP9 2NF. norman sanders@compuserve.com January l.

From Mr Neil Roberts

Sir, Your reporter seems to have his emperors confused. There was no Emperor Flavius, although Flavius was the family name of a dynasty of emperors. Work on building the Colosseum in Rome

(known as the Flavian Colosseum

rather than Flavius's Colosscum) was

started by Vespasian, the first Flavian Emperor, and completed by his son Titus, the second. NEIL ROBERTS. 18 Chesham Street,

Brighton, East Sussex BN2 INA.

nrob@pavilion.co.uk

From Mrs Helga Harrison Sir. Wouldn't even a dying Caesar have remembered the vocative and cried "Et tu Brute", not "Et tu Brutus" (as in your headline today)?

HELGA HARRISON. 3 Westfield Lane, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex TN37 7NE. January 1.

From Miss Nan Miller

Rochester, Kent MEI UD.

Sir. That's odd. I thought the clock Rupertedly stood at X to III. How could IIII possibly rhyme with tea? Yours sincerely. NAN MILLER. 35 Love Lane.

Web site

January I.

From Mr H. G. Dyke

Sir. My spider adheres rigidly to the Highway Code (letter, December 26). He(?) spins his web at traffic lights or junctions, returning to the corner of the wing-mirror when the car moves off, thus causing no distraction.

Yours faithfully, HAROLD DYKE, Alexander Place, Abercanaid, Nr Merthyr Tydfil CF48 ISJ. December 27.

Present and correct

From Mr Ian Rae

Sir. For once I got a rather good shirt and tie for Christmas, so I tried them on and showed my wife. The verdict? "You look different

when you're clean." Yours dazzlingly, IAN RAE, The Doctor's House, 1257 Bristol Road South, Northfield, Birmingham B31 2SW.

December 29



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE January 5: The Duke of York this afternoon received Lieutenant Colonel Neil Baverstock at Sunninghill Park upon relinquishing command of 9th (County Antrim) Battal-ion The Royal Irish Regiment. His Royal Highness also received Lieutenant Colonel Willem Buckley upon assuming command of 9th (County An-

trim) Battalion The Royal Irish Regiment. January 5: The Prince Edward, Patron, The National Youth

Orchestra of Scotland, this evening attended a concert at the Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Glasgow (Mr Pat Lally). Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

School news

Edgehill College, Devoo Term begins today. The Entrance Examination to the Senior School will be held on Friday, January 29.
The Annual Charity Week will begin on Monday, February 22, with the proceeds going to the RSPCA. The Careers Convention will be on Friday, March 5, and the College's production of The Little Shop of Horrors will take place at The Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple, on Tuesday, March 9, and Wednesday, March 10. Term ends on Wednesday, March 24.

The King's School, Canterbury The Lent term began yesterday. A Confirmation Service will be held in the Cathedral on Sunday. March 7. 1999, at which the Bishop of Maid-stone will confirm. Music Scholarship Examinations will take place on February 1 and 2. King's Scholarships on March I-3, and Art Scholar-ships on March 4, 1999. Term will end on Saturday, March 20.

Portsmouth Grammar School Term begins on January 7, 1909. The Chairman of Governors hosts a Twelfth Night Dinner, for the 10 A-level prizewinners of the past two years, in the Square Tower on January 6. The inaugural Dickens Birthday Lecture Dickens and Murder will be given by Professor John Carey on February 6, preceded by a Reception at the Dickens Birth-place, the Guest of Honout is the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth. The annual Exhibition takes place in the March 8, at the Private View on March 9 the monograph A Turner for Portsmouth will be launched. Governors, staff and pupils will take part in a Charity Talent Show on March 12, to commemorate preprep pupil Angus Gibson, who died last term. The Choral Concert takes place in the Cathedral on March 13. Andrew Saunders and Emily Copsey have been elected as the first holders of sports Exhibi-tions. Details of all events, including those in the Partnership inida-tive The Dickens of a City, are available from the school.

St Catherine's School, Bramley Spring term begins today at St Catherine's School, Bramley, Clare Clinton takes up her duties as Head Girl, and Charlone Edmond as Deputy Head Girl. Auditions for Music scholarships will take place on Saturday, January 9, and assessment for the Sixth Form At Scholarship on Friday, January 29. The Middle School Concert will be held on Friday, February 5, at 7.30pm in school. The GCSE Options Open Morning (for the parents of girls in Upper 4) will be on February 6. Long Leave is from February 13-21. The school play The Evacures will be performed on Thursday. Friday and Saturday. March 11. 12 and 13, in the Speech Hall. Term ends on Thursday. March 25 Whitgift School

Lent Term beings today and ends on March 31. Lord Kilparrick of Kincraig, CBE, FRSE, is Guest of Honour at Prizegiving on January 15. The Junior Entrance Examination is on January 21. Haydn's Creation. in conjunction with the London Mozart Players, Whitelift Associate Musicians, will be per-formed at Croydon Parish Church on March 24 at 7.30 pm. Our Town will be produced at Whitgift on March 25-27, For details of Arts Events please telephone 0181 688 9222 or e-mail: office@whitpift.co.uk The Whitgift Foundation is a registered charity and exists for the education of pupils.

Woldingham School The Spring Term begins at Woldingham School today. The new 19 million Music and Drama Centre will be handed over by the contractors at the end of January and will be in use during the term. The Centre will be officially opened by Mr Chris Patten, CH, on May 5. The term ends on March 26,



A bust of Leonardo da Vinci is carefully lifted ready to go back in its rightful place in the Central Hall at the Royal Academy, London. The return of the eight plaster busts, which include Michelangelo, Sir Joshua Reynolds and Sir Christopher Wren, marks the completion of seven months' restoration work on the Central Hall. The restored gallery will be open to the public for the first time when the exhibition Monet in the 20th Century opens on January 23

Birthdays today

Major Kenneth Adams, Honorary Fellow, St George's House, Windsor Castle, 79; Mr Malcolm Appleby, engraver, 53; Mr Rowan Alkinson, actor and comedian, 44: Mr Paul Azinger, golfer, 39: Lord Ballour of Burleigh, 72: Mr Roger Barton, MEP, 54; Mr AJ, Bowkett, chief executive, Berisford International, 48: Sir Ashley Bramall, former chairman, GLC, 83: Sir Robert Clark, former deputy chair-man, TSB Group, 75; Mr John Croft, criminologist and oil painter, 76: Mr Angus Deayton, writer and broadcaster, 43: Mr Kapil Oev. tricketer, 40: General Sir Martin Farndale, 70: Sir Hugh Fish, water scientist, 76; Mr Mike

Foale, British-horn astronaut, 42: Mr Ronald Goldstein, joint found-er, Superdrug, 62: Mr Barry John, former rugby player, 54: Mr P.J. Kavanagh, writer, 68: Sir Christo-pher Lewinton, chairman, TI Group, 67: Miss Nancy Lopez, golfer, 42: Lord McColl of Dul-wich, 66: Sir Harnish Macleod, former Financial Secretary, Hone former Financial Secretary, Hong Kong, 59; Sir Brian Moffat, chair-man, British Steel, 60; Vice-Admirial Sir Michael Moore, 57; Mr Richard Nerurkar, athlete, 35; Lord Plowden, 92; Mr Bill Sirs, trade unionist, 79; Miss Sylvia Syms, actress, 65; Mr Terry Vena-bles, football manager, 56; Sir Ernest Woodroofe, former chairman, Unilever, 87.

EVERETT - (née Jessop)
Frances Elizabeth much loved and devoted wife of Douglas for 56 years.
Mother of Susanna and Catharine, Frannie to Richard and Edward, eister-in-law of Sheilah and Panack. Died aged 79 peacofully on 3rd January after a long tilhess.
Funeral at St Mary's Church, Stoke Bishop Monday 11th January at 2.45 followed by cremation at Canford Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations to BRACE Alzheimers Research, Blackberry Hill Hespital.

Blackberry Hill Ho Bristol BS16 2EW.

EVERS - Pamela into Bushi aged 77 years. Pescafully at home on December 34th 1998. Beloved wife of John and mother of Disms and Carol and grandmother. Fineral Service at \$1. Wary's Church, Kenny Town Brighton, at 1 LOGan on Wednesday 13th January 1999, followed by burial at Woodland Burial Ground Brighton. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the Brighton and Hove branch of the Alzheimer's Society c/o Teress Baker Caring Lady Funeral Director, 185 Lowes Road, Brighton. BN2 3LG, Tel: 01273 626256.

Fifth - Née Spickerzell. On January 2nd 1999, pezcefully at home in Stalbridge, Dorset, Heather, and 73 years, formerly of Stourton Caundie. A much loved wife of Ren and sister of John Functal Section 4: St.

John, Funeral Service at S Peter's Church, Stourton Caundle on Monday

James on Monday Jenuary 11th at 2.30pm followed by

followed by cremation.
Family flowers only
please, but donations if
desired for the British

Lung Foundation c/o Pr fackson Funeral Service

FOWLER - Ursula Margaret (née Godwin) wife of Bernard, mother to Simon and Nicola and loving

grandmum to Bert, Laura Jack and Elliot on Januar

Jack and Effict on Januar 4th. After a long liness. Fugeral at St. Andrew's Church Ampthill at 2pm on Thursday 14th January followed by private cremation. No flewere please but donations would be welcome to Addenbrookes Kidney Palients Association through A L & G. Abbott (Funeral Directors) 150 Bedford Road, Kempston, Bedford MK42 884

Mons, High Street, Henstridge, Somerset BAS ORB. Tel: 01963 382570.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: St Joan of Arc, Domrerny, France, 1412; Jacques Etienne Montgolfier, balloonist, Annonay, France, 1745; Gustave Dore, artist and hook illustrator. Strasbourg. 1832: Tom Mix. film actor, El Paso, Texas, 1881

DEATHS: Fanny Burney, novelist and diarist, London, 1840; Louis Braille, inventor of the reading system for the blind. Paris, 1852: Gregor Mendel, geneticist, Brno, Czechoslovakia, 1884; Theodore Roosevelt, 26th American Presi-dent 1901-09, Oyster Bay, New York, 1919; Victor Fleming, film disperse Bhasnir, Arimne, 1040 director, Phoenix, Arizona, 1949; A.J. Cronin, novelist, 1981. Samuel Morse gave the first public demonstration of his electric telegraphic system, 1838.

Forthcoming marriages

and Miss A.J. Berg The engagement is announced between Alasdair, son of Dr and

Mrs Jonathan Johnston, of

Roquesteron, France, and Amanda

Berg, of Noosa, Queensland.

Mr A.F. Legge and Dr J. Summon

Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex

and Miss C.T. Shepherd-Smith

The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of

Mr and Mrs Peter Mewes, ol

Dutwich, London, and Sylvia, only daughter of Mrs Kinka Rolinski

and the late Mr Zhivko Rolinski, of

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and

Mrs Geoffrey Miles, of Ewhurst Green, East Sussex, and Camilla, younger daughter of Mrs Carole Allen and Mr Qayyum Chaud-

The engagement is announced between John, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Alan Payne, of Poynton. Cheshire, and Jane, daughter of

Mr and Mrs Martin Tennick, of Camerbury, Kent. Mr I.H. Wattis

The engagement is announced between lan, elder son of Mr and

Mrs John Wallis, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, and Jane, elder daughter of Mr Hugh Fleming, of Chichester, West Sussex, and Mrs Diana Hodge, of

The engagement is announced between Spencer, son of Mr Donald Whitbread, of Great Horwood, Buckinghamstrire, and Mrs Carole Whitbread, of Chicardia.

Chigwell, Essex, and Arabella, daughter of Mr Charles Webster

and the late Mrs Webster, of Saffron Walden, Essex.

hary, both of Birmingham.

and Dr J.R. Tennick

and Miss J.L. Fleming

Knebworth, Hertfordshire. Mr S.M. Whitbread

and Miss A.M. Webster

Mr P.W.H. McCrum

Hampshire. Mr.A.S. Mewes

and Ms S.J. Rolinski

New York, USA.

Dr J.R. Payne

Dr R.T. Miles and Miss C. Chandhary

daughter of Dr and Mrs Derek

Mr T.C. Boles and Miss D.C. Lewis

The engagement is announced between Timothy, only son of the late Mr Vernon Boles and of Mrs Boles, of Chine, Inverness-shire, and Clare, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Jim Lewis, of Kirk Michael, Isle of Man.

Mr J.T.S. Chippendale and Miss C.E.J. Hooton The engagement is announced between Justin, eldest son of Mr Thomas Chippendale, of

Chippenham, and Mrs Felicity Royle of Malmesbury, Wiltshire, and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hooton, of Kimpton, Mr S.P. Gray and Miss A.M.J. Minton Beddoes

The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of the late Mr Brian Gray and of Mrs Gray, of Carshalton, Surrey, and Andrea, daughter of Major and Mrs Stewart Minton Beddoes, of Chency Longville, Shropshire. Mr O.W. Hall-Craggs and Miss E.J. Baldwin

The engagement is announced between Wade, son of Mr and Mrs John Hall-Craegs, of Newbury, Berkshire, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs Grant Baldwin, of Walkerville, South Australia. and Miss J.C.E. Eugster

The engagement is announced between Ashley, elder son of Mr and Mrs Keith Hicks, of Sibford Cower, Oxon, and Julia, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Eugster, of Langford, Devon. Mr I.N.H. Jarvis

and Miss H.C. Threlfall The engagement is announced between lan, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Herbert Jarvis; of Bembridge, Isle of Wight, and Chibë, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Threlfall, of Ruyton-Ki-Towns, Shropshire. Mr A.P. Jones

Mr A.P. Jones and Miss L. Murlin The engagement is announced between Anthony, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Jones, of Dorridge, West Midlands, and Louise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Dudley Murlin, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Mr J.V. Romeo and Miss A.R.C.A.C. Rice-Evans The engagement is announced between John Vincent, elder son of Or and Mrs Anthony A. Romeo, of Antonia Rebecca, only daughter of Professor Peter and Professor Catherine Rice-Evans, of Primrose Hill, London:

Members and Metallists of the Order attending the service.

Owing to the limited seating expacily of St George Chapel, tickets for the service and reception will be restricted to Members of the Royal Victorian Medal only. Please do not apply for tickets for spouses, or other guess; who are not members or Medallists of the Order. Honorary Members and Medallists proved tightle to attitude. Royal Victorian

and Miss M.L. Sparting
The engagement is announced
between Jeremy, elder son of Mr
and Mrs Codin Payne, of Cape
Town, South Africa, and Miranda,
daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy
Spurling, of Dockenfield, Farnham. Mr B. Relf and Miss Z.E. West The engagement is announced between Barnaby, only son of the

The engagement is announced between Antony, son of Mr and Mrs M.H. Legge, of Brailsford, Derbyshire, and Julie, daughter of late Mr Raymond Relf and of Mrs Relf, of Barnes, London, and Zoe, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs. John West, of Padworth Common. Mr and Mrs M. Blatcher, of Berkshire.

and Miss M.L. Spuring

Mr J.P. Rose The engagement is announced between Peter, youngest son of Colonel and Mrs R. McCrum, of Dulwich, London, and Claire, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T.D. Shepherd-Smith, of Ewshot. Hampshire and Miss E.H. Roberts and Miss E.H. Refers
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger sen of Mr and Mrs Paul Rose, of Claygaze. Surrey, and Helen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Miles Roberts, of Taumon. Somerset.

Somerser.

Mr B.W. Rusling
and Miss A.G. Castle
The engagement is announced
between Brian, younger son of the
tate Mr Kenneth Rusling and of
Mrs Anne Rusling, of Hindhead,
Surrey, and Annabel, daughter of
Mrs Anne Mrs. Christopher R Mr and Mrs Christopher R. Castle, of Mattield, Kent. Mr C.D. Smith-Wright and Miss S.M. Ainsworth

and Miss S.M. Amsworth.
The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs Richard Smith Wright, of Ramsdell, Hampshire, and Susy, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Amsworth, of Theoretics. Thaxned Essex Mr R.M. Taylor

and Dr V.M. Edwards The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. Taylor, of Gearbart.
Oregon, and Victoria, youngest
daughter of Captain and Mrs
G.W.B. Edwards, of Wallasey,

Mr N.H. Tarpin and Miss W.M. Hawes The engagement is announced between Neil youngest son of Mr

and Mrs John Turpin, of Sunburyon-Thames, Surrey, and Wendy, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Hawes, of Berkhamsted. Herrfordshire. Mr A.J.M. Wilkinson

and Miss S.J.F. Braddock the engagement is announced between Andrew, youngest son of Mr and Mrs David Wilkinson of Repton, Derbyshire, and Samantha, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Braddock, of Kirkella, East Verbeshire. East Yorkshire.

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what the king said and then left. And the star they had seen in the east went on ahead of them PRYOR - On December 18th place where the child was Matthew 2.9 (CEV).

BIRTHS

AMOS - On November 27th to Bridget and John (ne Moorest, a daughter, Mary Evangelino Moores, a sister for Dorn and Ralph. ANDREJEVIC - On January 131 Pt The Portland

Hospital to Branka (Probaska) and Aleksandar, a son, Marko a brother for Vladimir. BAYNE - On December 12th at The Portland Hospital to Clare and Andrew, a son, Edward Charles Collingwood, a brother for William Frederick. COKE - to Polly and Tom a

December 1998, Hermione Belinda. COOK - On December 23rd 1998, to Jame (née Molfat) and Nicholas, a daughter Neomi Rachel, a sister for Jenny and Lucy.

DOUGLAS HOME - On Jaquary 4th, to Alexandra (née Miller) and Skolto, a son, Louis Robin. Son, Louis soon. ESSE - On Wednesday December 30th 1998, to Elizabeth and William, a daughter, Pollyanna Ophelia Hare, a sister for Bornaby, Otto and Tristan.

GATENBY-TANKARD - On

GLMOUR - Oo ist January 1999, to Clare Ince Trent! and Fergus, a son, Archie William. a brother for GRAHAM - On December 28th to Deborah Infe McEneff and Alastair, a son, Findley David Alexander, a brother for Lowis.

201-915-10M - On December 29th 1998, to Amanda Ioée Mason) and Philip, a son, Edward a beautiful brother for Daisy and Christian.

LAWRENCE - To Lesiey Inco Foley) and Andrew on 2nd January 1999 a beautiful son. Samuel John March. Praise the Lord! stEAD - On December 12th at The Portland Hospital to Suling inte Chan) and Scott, rein daughters, Emma and Labelle, sixter

ior Betsy, Amanda and Alexander. MOHIMANI - On December 23rd at The Portland Hospital to Mehek (pée Pamani Pravin) and Ashok, a son, Sameer. MOORE - On 12nd Decembe 1998 in London, to Surie (nee Hawkins) and

Anthony, 2 son, Matthew Charles. MOSKOVIC/THOMAS - On 30th December 1998. To Elemor and Metrion a gilt ol a beautiful daughter, Dorabella Rachel Verity. Soave Sia II Vento pave Sia II Vento PALMER - On 28th December to Jane and David, a daughter, Charli Clare, a sister for Mark and

at The Portland Hospital to Stephanie Sweeney and Michael Pryor, a daughter, Maisic Sweeney.

RAFFERTY - On December 30th at home to Jame (née Williams) and Patrick, a daughter Madlen Frances Pota Wateyn, a sister for Bethan Caitlin and

REARDON SMITH - On 31st December 1998 to Janie (néc Rowel and Giles, a daughter, Sophie Mogan Susan,

WHITE - On 8th December to Lise and Michael a son, George Henry.

DEATHS

ADAM - On 2nd January 1999, peacefully lo his 84th year after a short illness, David Llonel Adam TD, devoted husband of the devoted husband of the late Marjoris Diana Adam, much loved father of Nigel and James and grandfather of Thomas and Diana. Funeral Service at Ruckings Parish Church on Monday 11th Jamaary at 12.30pm, Donations if desired payabla to Christ's Hospital School c/o Romney Marah Funeral Service, Coorge Lane, New Service, Coorge Lane, Coorge Lane, New Service, Coorge Lane, Coorge Lane, Coorge Lane, Coorge Lane,

ADDIS - Jocalyn Faith (née Wedgwood) died at bome on 1st January 1999. A funeral service will be held at St Mary's Church. Herningfordbury. Hertfordshire, on Tuesday 13th January.

12th January at 1.00 pm. Only family flowers

ALEXANDER - Marjorie
Eugene A.R.C.M., L.R.A.M.,
F.T.C.L. planist, organist
and teacher, was born to
Wellington New Zenland
ou Zith June 1913, died in
Bracknell Berkshire on
January 1st 1999. Funeral
at Woking Crematorium
ou Monday 11th January
at 9.30am. No flowers, no
fuss. She leaves a husband
and his cat. Donations
however small to The Cats
Protection League, 17
Kings Road Horsham
RH12 5PN.

ARGYLE - Hils Honor Michesi Victor MC QC MA Cantab former Old Bailey Judge died pescefully at home January 4th. Much loved ississand of the late Ann. darling father of Gabrielle, Marie and Caroline and grandfather of Rathisen. Alice, Maximillian and Edward. Funeral to be held Tuesday 12th January 1.45am St. Edithes Church. Tansworth, Staffa. All caquiries and flowers to Evans and Sons Funeral Directors. 20 Albert Road, Tansworth. Telephone: 01227 56505.

DEATHS

peacetury at none on January 1st. Dearly leved busband of Monleue and much leved father of Jane and Richard, father-in-law of Elaine and Andrew and grandfather of Timothy and Andrew. and grandfather of
Timothy and Andrew.
Funeral Service to be held
on Monday January 11th
at 2pm at St Mary's, Little
Wakering, Essey, Family
flowers only please, bot
donations if desired to
Woodgreen Animal
Shelter, c/o Wiggins
Funeral Director, 84 High
Street, Groat Wakering,
Essex, Tel 01702 219264.

BERRY - Brian Roy, died

refully at home

BOATFIELD - Margaret Rosamond (note Wifcockson), beloved widow of Gerald and loving mother of Christi and Tony, died on 3rd January aged 98 at Sutto Maner Nursing Home. Funeral at Saliabury Crematorium at 3 mm en Crematorium at 3pm on Monday 1 th January. No flowers. Donations to Womens British Legion, c/o Mrs Hooper, Wellow,

BRITLAND - On December 31st 1998, pescefully at home William Stanley, belowed husband of Jean, father of Andrew and Samantha, grandfather of Cassandra, James and Tobias, Funeral service will take place ou Wedneaday January 13th at Christ Church, Coombe Road, New Maiden, followed by private cremation, Flowers and enquiries to Frederick W. Payne, 182 High Street New Maiden, Surrey KT3 485. Tel'0181 942 1978.

New Malden, Surrey KT3 4ES. Tel:0181 942 1978. BULEROOK - Morag Harvey St. Clair, quietly at home, on 2nd January 1999.

BURNOW - Hugh le Fleming, late of Bath. Died 25th December 1998 in Woodhridge, Saffolk. Funeral privata, no flowers by request.

CARDEM - Anne formerly of Wistaria Cottage, Portchester much loved wite of Bill, mother of John, Elizabeth, Peter, and Clare and gran to Patrick, Alestair, Vicky, Richard, Beany, Lily, Emily and Annie. Died peacefully at Brendon Nursing Home Winchester on 2nd Ianuary after a long illness. Family cremation. Thunksgiving Service to her mestnery at St. Lawrence Church, Winchester near the Butter Cross in Fligh Street on Saturday 16th January at 2.00 pm. Family flowers only, Retiring collection for research funded through Streke

funded through Stroke Association. death notices, acknowledgements

or notices please call

0171 680 6880

CARLING - On December EDUM - Beryl Hanlewood, Died peacefully at a nursing home in Banstea on 30th December. Funeral Service on Thursday 14th Lautarty at 2.00pm in All Saints' Church, Banstead, No flowers, please. Any donations to The British Home and Hospital for Incurables, Crown Lane, Streetham, SW16 2JB. [EDLIN - Beryl Hanlewood.

29th at Benslow Nursing Home, Eatherine Joan Carling aged 90 years of Hitchin, Hertfordshire. Wife of the late Gerard Carling and dear mother of the late Richard, and of Nigel, Charles, Janet and Lydia, Service at Harwood Park Crematorium, Watton Road, Stevenage on Thursday, January 14th at 11.45 am. Family flowers only, but

at 11.45 am. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for The Missions to Seamen, may be sent c/o Cherery Funeral Services, 44 Bedford Road, Flitchin SGS 2TY (tel: 01462-43437S).

CARMICHAEL - Betty, on 31st December 1998, aged 83. Beloved wife of the late Lt. Col. H. R. Carmichael M.C. and of the late Lt. Col. H. R. Carmichael M.C. and of the late Lt. Col. P.A.E. Dumas. Mother of Sarah, Hugh and Mark, loving grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation private. Service of Thankspiving for Ismily and friends at 5t. Saviours Church, Brockenhurst, on Thursday 14th January at 2.30pm. No flowers, by her request, but donattens if desired, to the Chief Executive. King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, 10 Beaumont Street, Loudon WIN 2AA.

CASSON - Doctor Arthur Harry of Oxford (late of Chipping Sodbury), aged 89. Passed away peacefully in his sleep on Friday lat. January 1999, "He's safe, because He's trusting in Jasus". After a private cremation on Monday 11th January there will be a Thankagiving Service at 54. Ebbes Church. Oxford at 2.00pm. Donations to Sir Michael Sobell House of Revers & Paln, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford OX1 4TE.

CUSHMAN - Jane (née Clappertoni in New York, on 30th December, of cancer. Wife of the late John, mother of Thomas, sister of Amanda. aster of Amanda, daughter of the leto Margery and Dougles (Jock). The funeral has stready taken place. Enquiries: 0171 381 2425,

DUMAS - See Carmichael DURLACHER - Timothy Jonath 1- 1 Impuny
Esmond died on 4th
January 1999 to Spain.
Dearly loved by Beatriz,
daughter Susan, and
grandchildren Sophie,
Jessica and James. nica and James.

DYER - Lavinia Ann of Emberton, died pescefully at Keimarah Nursing Home on January 1st, Wifo of the late Rex and much and Caroline, Private
Cremation, A Service of
Thanksgiving to be held at
All Saints' Church,
Emberton on Wednesday
24th February at 12 noon.
Family Rowars only but
donations, if desired, to
Alzheimar's Research Trust, GJ Livenos House, Granhams Road Cambridge CD2 5LO.

(FRIEND - Peg (Moon to her FRIED - Peg (Moon to her family) of Chellont St.
Peter, Buckinghamshire, died very peacefully on 3rd January. Widow of Don Friend and much loved mother of Martin, Jeromy and Rod. Family flowers only and donations to Amnesty International.

GOALEN - Carard, Architec GOALEN - Gerard, Architect. Peacefully on 2nd January 1999. Widower of Maria de Lourdes, beloved Inther of Marin and Paul, grandfather to Alexander, Timothy, Serah and Holen. Requiem Mass, Friday ith January, 1.00pm at the Church of Our Lady, London Rosel, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

International,

GRAMAM - Eilem Audrey unde Williams), aged 91 years, died pescatully on December 31st 1998. Mother of Jeannette Morgan-Davies, Heisen Spice and Yvoune Russell Enquiries to A. B. Walker & Son Ltd., Tel. 0118 9573850.

ANDFORD - Michael Rober Mounteury, at bome after AMEPORD - Michael Robert Mounteney, at home after a tragic accident. Cremation Tuesday 12th Innuary at 4.15pm, Wooley Crematorium, Colchester Road, Weeley, Essex. Please no flowers, but any donations for ENLL c/o Ellhom & Co, Solicitors, Kingsway, Dovercourt, Essex: CO12 2HL.

HARPESON - Trapically on December 31st in Switzerland, John Francis of Basiow. We give thanks for his 53 years of life and all that he contributed to ours. Loved and loving husband of Catherine and dear father of James, Jonathan, Sally-Ann, Sara and Sally. Funeral service for family only, followed by private burnis at home. A Mamortal Service to calebrate his full and happy life will be held at All Seints 'Church, Ecclerall on Thursday March 4th at 11.00am. Donations in John's memory, payable to St. Luka's Hospice, may be sent to John Hessh and Sons, Funeral Directors, 4-16 Earsham Street, Sheffield S4 7LS.

HEREMANN - Campbell die pecofully on let January after a short illoses. Thankagiving Service at St. Simon Zelotes, Milner Street, Cheines London SW3 on Micoday 11th January at 12.30pm after a private eramatica. No flowers planes but donations to the MS Seclete de lik Komen 7. Society, c/o JH Kenyon, 74 Rochester Row London SWIP LIU.

To place death notices, acknowledgements or notices please call 0171 680 6880

thee Jankins]. On New Years day at the home of her family in Greenwich, pescefully in her sleep after a long illness. Beloved wife of the late Handd Moorel Toward Persons 1

Order

Baloved wile of the late Harold Horsfall Turner C.B.E. and much loved mother, of Richard and Jonathan, grandmother and great-grandmother, Thanksgiving and cremation at Mortlake Crematorium at 3.30 pm on Friday 15th January, 1992. Family Howers only Donations if desired to Arthritis Research Campaign alo Miz R Goodden "Ferryside", Riverside, Twickenham, TWI 3DN.

TWI 3DN.
HURST - Barbara Jeesle,
daughter of the late Sir
Cocil Hurst GCMG, KCB,
and the late Ledy Hurst,
pescafully on 4th January
1999 at Weatlake House,
Horsham, aged 92. Funeral
at St Mary Magdalene's
Church, Ensper at 2:30 pm
on Tuesday 12th January.
Family Howers only,
donations if wished to the
Samaricans do Freenan
Bros. 9 North Parade,
Horsham RH12 2BP (01403
254590). TW1 3DN.

manus.

Rufit - On 4th January 1999, at Derby City Hospital.

Cynthia, devoted wife of the late Michael of Castern Hall. Puneral Service at Ham Church near Ashbourne. Tuesday 12th January at 2pm. Flowers, or donations to the Blue Cross Shelter for Animals c/o W. Jones & Son Funeral Directors!, Smilaford, Derby DE6 3DA.

HITCHISON - On Jamary
4th, peacefully at the
Conquest Hospital,
Hastings, Dice. Widow of
David, Much loved by all
who knew her. Pumeral
service at All Saints
Church, Idea, Nr Rye on
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psysble to The Cinnamon
Trust (Animal Trust) c/o J
Perigos & Son. The Duka.
Beckley, E. Sussex. - tel
01797 260316.

MGHAM - Christopher (Kit), John on December 30th 1992 died suddenly and peacefully at bossa, Loving husband to Birgit, father to Kerstin and Nicholas and beloved grandfather to Tristan and Seska: A Service of Rememberance to Tristan and Seska: A Service of Rememberance and Thankagiving is to be held at the parish church of Se Mary-without the-Walls, Handbridge. Chester at 2.30 pm. Tuesday 12th Jamesry. No flowers, donations to EPILL All enquiries to Dutten and Hallmark Funeral Services, 30 Pauliner Street, Hoole, Chester CS12 280. Tel

Chester CH2 3BQ. Tel 01244 210966. KERRARID - Anthony
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Service at 2:30 pm Tuanday
12th January at St
Thomas, Cothelstone,
Bhaope Lydeard. KERNARD - Antho

| HORSFALL TURNER - Elleen | KERR - Andrew Walleco, ex | MANNERS - Charles John RERR-Andrew Wallace, ex Bank of England, died peacefully at home on 19th December, 1998. There will be a Wake to celebrate his life and schelvements at The Assembly Rooms, Gates Green Road, Coney Hall, West Wickham, Kent on Saturday 2th January on Seturday 9th January 4pm to 8pm. Donations to St Christophers Hospico via family.

KNBB - Trevor died peacefully at hone, aged 78, on the 1st Immuny 1999 after a brief illness. Will be sadly minsed by his loving wife Quita and his children Alestair, Richard and Deborah, and their families, Anna, Louisa and Drucan and Duncan and

humes, rains, actume and Duncan and grandchildren Robyn, Freys, Charlie and Alexander. Thanksgiving Service to be held at St. Michael's Church, Chenics on the 15th January at 3.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Bank Farm Riding for Disabled. Any enquiries to H.C. Grimstead. Tel: 01753 891200.

LEWIN - Deborah (Debby) on December 31st, aged 68, suddemly in hospital, devoted wife of the late Disk Lewin, very much loved mother of Richard and Sarah and mother-in-lew of Ana, dear Grandma Debby to Katle and Cavoline and beloved sister of Liz. Funeral on Priday, January 8th, at St. Margaret's Church, Coreley, Wiles, at 2,00pm. Family flowers only, please, but donations to the National Osteoporosis Society and International Claucouse Association and Society and International Claucouse Association 2 Son, 68 Locks Hill, Frome, Somerset, EA11 1NH (01373 482100).

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OBITUARIES

ROLF LIEBERMANN

Rolf Liebermann, opera house director and composer, died in Paris on January 2 aged 88. He was born in Zurich on September 14, 1910.

small piece of transparent plastic sat on Rolf Liebermann's desk when he was director of the Paris Opera in the 1970s. One side had the announcement BOSS HEUREUX and the other BOSS PAS HEUREUX: boss happy. boss grumpy. Liebermann had been given the object as a joke but he kept it as a management tool, although that was scarcely necessary. He exuded authority with his imposing frame, wide shoulders and patrician brow.

He had been brought in by the French Government in 1973 to save the Opera, which was in as parlous a state as Covent Garden is now. Standards had fallen and much public derision was hurled at it. It had become a national and governmental embarrassment. If Liebermann had failed in his task, then it might have closed for ever.

He succeeded. Under him it became an international house once more. The glamour returned and so did contemporary opera. Perhaps the single most important event during Liebermann's seven-year reign there was the first performance of the three-act version of Alban Berg's Lulu, completed by Friedrich Cerha, conducted by Pierre Boulez and directed by Patrice Chereau in 1979. The whole of musical Europe attended, together with a number of leading politicians who felt themselves up to handling Berg. The Cerha Lulu was soon to become standard the world over.

That night summed up many of Liebermann's personal crusades. For a great deal of his life he had championed the Viennese school, the city where he had learnt much of his music. And his doors were always open to the new and experimental. He helped to create the stars of the future, Placido Domingo being a major beneficiary. but he tried in Paris to ensure that his audience was not fossilised in the past. Rolf Liebermann came, on his father's side, from a Jewish family of bankers. They emigrated from Berlin at the end of the last century to Switzerland, where his father became a prominent lawyer. Rolf was intended

for the same profession, but soon gave it up in preference to music. The family had plenty of inclination in that direction and Einstein was among those who came to the house to join in chamber music evenings. The young Liebermann studied composition in Switzerland under Wladimir Vogel. while playing in a jazz band. He moved Vienna in the mid-1930s with ambitions to become a conductor. There he worked with Hermann



Rolf Liebermann (left) with 1gor Stravinsky in Hamburg, 1963

opera in 1957.

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He was thrust straight away into the centre of the Viennese School, and his lifelong love for Berg and Schoenberg. began. But the Anschluss meant that Liebermann, with his Jewish parentage, had to return swiftly to his native Switzerland. There he decided to give up a potential career as a conductor and turned to composition instead. At this time he met another Jewishrefugee, Georg Solti, and a friendship was formed that lasted until Solti's death in 1997.

After the end of the war Liebermann's career began to take its final shape, which was a split between composer and musical administrator. He took charge of music for the Swiss-German radio station in Zurich

were prerecorded.

Meanwhile his career as an admin-strator had taken off. In 1957 he went to the North German Radio as musical director and from there to the Hamburg State Opera, replacing Gunther Rennert. He turned that distinctly staid house into a Mecca for devotees of contemporary opera. During his time there, from 1959 to 1972, he commissioned two dozen new works, which included Hans Werner Henze's Der Prinz von Homburg and Penderecki's The Devils of Loudun. He championed other 20th-century composers, such as Igor Stravinsky and Ernst Krenek, and he encouraged a new generation of singers, bringing to Hamburg early in their careers such men as Placido Domiogo, Kurt Moll and Hans Sotin.

appear on the concert platform but

Liebermann's success in Hamburg made him a natural choice to haul the Paris Opéra out of the quagmire. He turned to his old friend from the war years, Georg Solti. for help. Solti came to conduct a glittery Marriage of Figaro, directed by Giorgio Strehler. Placido Domingo arrived to sing Manrico in Il trovatore which amazing ly had never previously been per-formed at the Palais Garnier. The international touch had returned to a house which had spent too much time contemplating its own navel. Lulu apart, Liebermann's greatest

Paris coup was to persuade Olivier Messiaen, no lover of opera houses, to write Saint François d'Assise for the Palais Garnier. He was also a considerable influence on the career of the director Patrice Chereau.

When he retired from the Paris Opéra in 1980 at the age of 70 Liebermann felt free to take up composition again (though he was to return to Hamburg for three more seasons as general manager in 1985). His responsi-bilities as an opera house director had given him no time for this part of his life, and in any case he was always scrupulous about not using his administrative power to promote his own work.

He wrote the opera La Foret, based on the Ostrovsky play, for Geneva, where it was premiered in 1987. This was commissioned by the director of the Geneva Opera, Hugues Gall, who had worked closely with him during his seven years in Paris. Gall was a pupil who learnt much from Liebermann and it was no surprise that he was called from Geneva to Paris three years ago to solve yet another crisis at the Opera. He. too, has succeeded, and the Bastille will present Liebermann's final stage work,

based on the Medea story, in 2002. Rolf Liebermann was twice married. He is survived by his second wife, Hélène Vida, a television journalist whom he met when she interviewed him, and by the son of his first marriage.

HIS HONOUR MICHAEL ARGYLE

His Honour Major Michael Argyle, QC, MC, a circuit judge from 1970 to 1988, died on January 4 aged 83. He was born on August 31, 1915.

FOR ALL the colourful controversy that frequently surround-ed him, Michael Argyle was at heart a plain man's judge. He said what he thought, even if it did sometimes attract accusa-tions of prejudice and once earned him a reprimand from the then Lord Chancellor, Lord Havers. Judges are frequently criticised for being remote from everyday life. Michael Argyle was all too often heavily involved in it, remembered by staff at the Central Criminal Court for his daily patronage of the bookmaker's shop outside the court and for his insistence on always having a television set in his robing room in order to keep abreast of sports, especially those on which money was riding. He owned and bred racehorses, was a chess and amateur boxing fan and a breeder of whippets. However, be never learnt one crucial lesson of the ring and was always ready to lead with his chin.

He was a gift to newspapers which loved to reprint the remarks for which he became famous. He freed one woman. saving: "You have caught me on a good day because I became a grandfather this morning." He told a black defendant accused of assault: "Get out and go back to Jamaica." A sex attacker was told: "You come from Derby, which is my part of the country, Now off you go. And don't come before my court again." Any real consistency would be difficult to find in his sentencing, except that he did what was within his power to deter crime. He observed in 1987: "Quite simply law and order do not exist in this country at present."

Educated at Shardlow Hall, Derbyshire, Westminster School and Trinity College, Cambridge, he served in the Second World War in India, the Middle East and Italy with the 7th Queen's Own Hussars. He won an immediate Military Cross for organising a

tank crossing of the Po. He had been called to the Bar hy Lincoln's Inn, in 1938, becoming a bencher in 1967 and treasurer in 1984. He resumed his practice in 1947 on the Midland Circuit. He first came to public attention when he defended Ronald Biggs in the Great Train Robbery trial. but in a spontaneous gesture of generosity he later sent a cheque to the Driver Jack Mills appeal fund. He was later still to put up a personal reward of £100 for information leading to the arrest of muggers who attacked a woman usher at the Central Crimi-

nal Court.

Argyle became Recorder of Northampton from 1962 to 1965 and then of Birmingham from 1965 to 1970. He was never afraid to admit that he needed more knowledge and went to night school, run by Loughborough University, to learn more about penology. Later he attended a 15-shilling course on drug addiction. He was all for spreading knowledge around and launched an experiment in citizenship with teenagers sitting beside him. though they took no part in cases. He was ahead of his time in wanting a proper place for victims in the criminal justice system, calling in 1965 for reports on them before passing sentence.

Some of his views were what one would expect from a former Conservative candidate, who stood unsuccessfully in Belper in 1950 and in Loughborough in 1955. He put into practice his belief that tougher sentencing could deter crime. As a result of his offensive in Birmingham against telephone vandals, jailing them for up to three years. he claimed a virtual cessation of offences involving kiosks and the restoration of effectively a 100 per cent call-box service in the city. He then threatened life imprisonment for burglars. The Court of Criminal Appeal was said to have called for a transcript of his remarks. However, in the next fortnight reported crime in Birmingham was stated to have fallen by 40 per cent.

Appointed an occasional judge of the Central Criminal Court in 1970, he relinquished his recordership of Birmingham, and found himself in the headlines over the Oz trial. He imposed prison sentences, subsequently quashed, on the three editors of the magazine in 1971. Police guarded his home after an anonymous bomb threat. The New Law Journal said the sentences on the three editors were "indefensibly severe".

Yet it was impossible to pigeonhole him: he was too maverick to he regarded as a safe member of the Establishment. He won a reputation for trying to find work for unemployed defendants and earned himself the title of "the job-

hunters' judge". He tangled with the Establishment once too often, though, when he made a speech to law students in Nottingham which he evidently thought would not be reported. He said judges should be empowered to impose death sentences in cases carrying penalties of more than 15 years, and suggested that there were more than five million illegal immigrants in Britain, Lord Havers, the Lord Chancellor, severely reprimanded him in July 1987 and in October Argyle announced that he would retire the follow-

ing July.

He was proud of his membership of the Carlton, Cavalry and Guards, and Kennel Clubs. He was Master of the Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards from 1984 to 1985.

His wife, Ann. predeceased him; he is survived by their three daughters.

PERSONAL COLUMN

SCOTCHMER - Ella died peacefully in hospital on 31st December 1998. Cremation at Mortiake Crematorium al 2.30pm on Thursday, 14th January 1999. STERESMITH - On December 29th in hespital aged 79 years Hugh Frederick of Illriey, Dearly loved husband of the late Margaret. The funeral service will take place at the Priory Church of St Mary and SI Cutbbert, Bolton Abbey on Thursday January 14th at 11.30 am, followed by cremation at Skipton Crematorium. Pamily flowers only, donations if desired, to Ardeniea Marie Curie Centre, Queens Drive, Ilkley, West Yorkshire.

DEATHS

STEWART - Alison M C (Sai)
née Wilson of Cariton.
Suffolk. Peacefully on
December 30th 1938 aged
88 years. Widow of Brig.
C.W.F. Stewart O.B.E.
Much loved mother of
Hugh (dec'd). Jean amd
Robert, grandmother of
Mark, Susie, Sarah and
Katy. Funeral Service at
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STRUMG - Hilds Irene aged 84. Derling mother of Hilsry and Hugh and beloved grandms of Charlotte, Alexis and Francis. Died peacefully on 1st Ianuary 1999 in Greenwich after a short lilness. Service on Thursday 14th Ianuary 1999 at 2.15pm at Etham Crematorium, Crown Woods Way, Etham, London SE3 Ne flowers but, if desired, donations to King George's Fund for Sailors, 6, Hatherley Street, London SW1P 27Y.

STUITAFORD, - Sir William Royden CBE on 2nd January at home after an illness borne with great courage and dignity. Dearly loved humband of d'Emerre, father of Clare, William, Dominic and Melanie, stepfether of Angus and Karrina and much loved grandfather. Private funeral, family flowers only. A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, 4th February at 12.00 noon at St. Margaret's Church Lothbury, London EC2. Donations, if desired to Proslate Research. Donatolin, in destate Prostate Research
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STYLEAMOU - Judith: wife of Andress, mother of Christopher and daughter of Lt. General Sir Charles and Lady Dobell on 31sr December at Pathos, Cyprus. Puneral at Anglican Church, Pathos on 7th January at 2.30 pm.

The second second second second SYMONDS - Joan Margaret, (nds Beste), died, penceitally on New Year's Eva, aged 58 years. Beloved widow of Tim. Much loved mother of Michael and Joramy, mother-in-law and grandmother. Adored by her family, she will be greatly missed by them and all her friends for her wisdom, generosity and love of life. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service to be held in Murch at Asaberley, West Sussex, on data to be advised. No flowest please, but donations, if desired, to The Imperial Society of Teachers of Demoing (I.S.T.D.) benevolent Fund, c/o Powell Funeral Service, Walton Koad, Warra, SG12 OAA.

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TEMPLE-RICHARDS - Leafric Douglas, aged 76, peacefully of Laukannis on 4th January. Our most beloved Leo, husband of Geraldine, father of Juliet and Charles, father-in-law of Ahmed and Vinginia, grandinther of Omer. Ali. Cornells, Julians and Alectoles brother of Mervyn. Mary, and the late Peter. Family Funecal. Thankegiving Service to be announced. A loving and happy man.

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WEAR - Rev. Michael John weeps - New machines from on 31st December passed nway penorfully, aged 89 at Nazareth House. Fungasi Service at the London Oratory Enightsbridge, Tridentin Mass at 11 o'clock on Friday 8th January.

Friday 5th January
WHEELER - On January Xrd,
peacefully in Halliwell
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. . . valete WOODMANSEY - John suddenly on January Ist at Derriford Hospital. Plymouth Beloved husband and father of Patricia, Nicholas and Mark and dear brother of Pat. Funeral Friday. January 8th at 12.45 pm. Emmanual Church. Plymouth. Family flowers only, donatious it desired to the RNLL.

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MRS GERALD CORCORAN

and family wish to express their gratitude for all the letters and takens of condolence in connection with the late Gerald Corcorso.

period he wrote a number of operas,

including Penelope (performed at Salz-

burg in 1954) and The School for Wives, which after a number of

revisions became another Salzburg

by which he will probably be most

The mid-1950s also brought the piece

Iron Eyes Cody, Native American actor, died on January 4 in Los Angeles aged about 94. He was born in Oklahoma, DIRECTORY probably in 1904.

> IN THE credits of his early Hollywood films, Iron Eyes Cody was simply billed as "Indian" or "Indian Chief", denied the satisfaction of seeing his Native American name on screen. This was evidence of the fledgeling industry's disregard for native peoples, which Cody spent a lifetime seeking to change.
> As an actor, technical ad-

viser on Indian culture and an environmental activist, Cody was the first Native American to use the big and small screens to educate his audiences about Indian history and folklore. The son of Thomas Long

Plume, a Cherokee Indian. and Frances Salpet, a Cree Indian, Cody came to performing as a child. His father toured in Wild West shows and circuses, putting his son with him in his act on many occasions. Young Cody's attentions

first turned to Hollywood when the Lasky players arrived in Texas for filming and used his father's barn to shoot some scenes for a movie. He befriended the produc-tion team, who told him if he ever came to Hollywood they would be happy to use him as a consultant.

His first film appearance was as an extra in 1919, in the silent movie Back to God's Country. It was a role



IRON EYES CODY

Cody in 1982: he created a fine private Indian collection

that he was to follow up with more than a hundred appearances in Westerns, including many which featured John Wayne, Gary Cooper and Errol Flynn.

Cody remained in Los Angeles, and built a successful career playing Indian characters, including starring roles in Sitting Bull (1954). The Great Sioux Massacre (1965)

and A Man called Horse (1970). But to many Americans he

was best known for a television commercial he shot in 1970 for the "Keep America Beautiful" campaign. In it, Cody was shown shedding a tear, later revealed to be glycerine, while staring out at an environment ruined by pollution. (Cody admitted later that he had originally resisted doing the commercial because he maintained that Indians don't cry.)

During the 1950s, in addition to his acting roles. Cody began working as a technical adviser on Indian matters to both television and film directors. He also supplemented his film work with television guest appearances, including stints on Bonanza, Gunsmoke

and Rawhide.
Outside the film industry Cody lectured extensively on Indian culture and created the Moosehead Museum in the basement of his home. This is now considered to be one of the best private Indian collecoons anywhere in the United

Cody met with controversy only once, at the end of his life, in 1996 the New Orleans Times Picayune questioned the authenticity of his Native American origins. The paper said that, after interviewing his half-sister and examining baptismal records, it believed that he might be of Italian descent. Cody vigorously denied this slur.

His wife, Bertha Parker Cody, died in 1978. He is survived by one son.

KIDNAPPING OF THE TIMES

CORRESPONDENT From Our Special Correspondent

DUBLIN, Jan 5. I have to inform you that my colleague, Mr A.B. Kay, who has been assisting me as Special Correspondent of The Times in ireland, was kidnapped yesterday in Dublin by armed men and taken in a motor-car to a destination then unknown . . .

The outrage seems to have been the work of irresponsible persons opposed to the Treaty. and the heads of the IRA in the country have taken every step within their power during the last 24 hours to find Mr Kay and to bring about his immediate and unconditional release. Wherever responsibility lies, the incident has aroused the greatest indignation among the large body of journalists at present in Dublin and among at least a large section of members of Dail Eireann. I was myself a winness, under duress, of Mr

Kay's removal. Pressure of work in describing the proceedings of Dail Eireann gives journalists little leisure in which to snatch a meal during the function adjournment, and a number of the Press correspondents have on

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Immediate and persistent efforts were made by Michael Collins and the IRA Chief to secure A. B. Kay's release and he was freed in 24 hours, having been taken by armed men to Cork. The cause of the kidnapping was an article written by Kay.

various occasions visited a shop in Upper Leeson-street, within a hundred yards of University College, to get what refreshment they could.

Yesterday afternoon six of us, five representing London daily newspapers and one a Scotosh paper, went to this shop shortly after half-past 2. As there were people in the shop we were asked to go into another room. A few minutes later we heard some person outside try one of the doors and apparently turn the key in the lock. Three men then entered

through the main door. They mixed with us, and one of the party suddenly produced a repeating pistot of large calibre, and after asking if we know what this was for, said: "Is Mr Kay here?"

The niher two men drew weapons of the same pattern and, noticing that one of the correspondents had a hand in his pocket, sharply ordered him to remove it.

Mr Kay said: "I am Kay," and the man who appeared to be the leader of the raiders covered him with his gun, while the other men covered the remainder of the party. Little time was wasted.

The leader, speaking swiftly and intensely to Mr Kay, said: "There is a car outside and you understand you have to come into it. If you don't, by Christ, we will riddle you." As he spoke he shook his pistol in Mr Kay's face. The rest of us were warned at the same time that if one tried to give the alarm we should be dealt with.

Mr Kay said that he was prepared to obey the orders given him, and was then told that if he had any "copy" for his newspaper he could give it to the other correspondent. He handed over some manuscript and was then taken from the room. Before going out the leader said that no harm would come to Mr Kay and that he would probably be back last night ...

THE TIMES TODAY

Saddam tries to lure jets into trap American fighter aircraft attacked Iraqi planes in the air for the first time for six years yesterday as Saddam Hussein stepped

up his campaign of provocation. Six air-to-air missiles were fired at warplanes in the southern no-fly zone, which was being patrolled by F14 Navy jets and F15 fighters. Iraqi MiG and Mirage warplanes committed eight separate violations with between 13 and 15 planes Page 1

'Backdoor euthanasia' investigated

The deaths of at least 50 hospital patients around Britain are being investigated by police and health officials amid allegations of a creeping tide of backdoor euthanasia. Seven separate inquiries are looking into claims that doctors have withheld intravenous drips from dehydrated patients, often while they were under sedation, and left them to die from thirst Pages 1, 9

Yemen inquiry halted Two Scotland Yard detectives

were told last night to leave Aden on the first available flight after suddenly being refused permission to interview the leader of the gang that abducted 16 Western Pages 1, 12

King of the slopes

Prince Harry gave a powerful boost to the latest craze of snowblading when he executed a small but perfect ski jump in front of the world's media, and landed on his feet unaided by poles Page 1

Church takes to Che

The image of the communist revolutionary Che Guevara is being used by Britain's churches to represent Jesus Christ in an Easter advertising campaign. The Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church have distanced themselves from the cam-... Page 3

Dome Minister's vow Lord Falconer of Thoroton promised to "crack the whip" to get the Millennium Dome ready in time as he visited the site in southeast London for the first time _ Page 4

Hospital condemned

Two senior doctors were cleared of the manslaughter of a 12-yearold cancer victim as an Old Bailey judge condemned Great Ormond Street Hospital for a "chapter of accidents and misunderstand-

Management macho

Women who succeed as managers do well not because of their feminine characteristics, such as sensitivity and warmth, but because of their ability to adopt an aggressive personality, according to new research.....Page 6

Village green saved

Villagers have plucked a medieval green from the clutches of developers after their campaign raised the £350,000 needed to buy

Lottery land plan .

Lottery money is to be used instead of public cash to bankroll a fund aimed at helping communities buy Scottish estates from their lairds. The reforms will give the Government powers to evict absent landowners,...

Euro 'high horse'

Britain should get off its "high horse" and join the euro, according to the German press, echoing the confidence of the Bonn Government that the Blair Administration will sign up for the single European currency sooner rather than later....

Sierra Leone funds

Britain announced that it was giving an extra £1 million to support the Nigerian-led forces fighting the rebels in Sierra Leone. The money will pay for communications and logistical back-up. but ...Page 5 not for arms

Polo is the mint with the soggy vole

In the Ayrshire seaside town of Largs, hit by severe flooding in this week's storms, one famous sweet will be forever known as the "mint with the vole". The new epithet is down to the ingenuity of a local petshop manager who used plastic Super Polo Mint containers to construct makeshift lifejackets for hamsters and uinea pigs trapped in his shop by floods



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Vodafone merger: Vodafone. Britain's largest mobile phone company, has proposed a £60 billion-plus merger with its US rival Page 21 Carpetbaggers: The Bradford & Bingley, under siege yesterday from carpetbagging investors, is drawing up battle plans to fight off attempts to take the building society public...

Travelex move: If timing is the secret to good comedy, then the management of Travelex, the operator of airport exchange bureaux, should have been rolling in the ..Page 21

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Footbell: The uneasy relationship between Dave Bassett and the Nottingham Forest plc directors ended in his acrimonious departure from the club..... __Page 40 Cricket: Stuart MacGill upstaged

Shape Warne with match figures of 12 for 107 as Australia won the final Test against England at the Sydney Cricket Ground by 98 runs and the series by 3-1 Page 40 Racing: Nigel Elwes, chairman of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Associ-

ation, criticised undisclosed "ven-

dor purchases" at public yearling

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Simon Barnes: The best bit of sport this year was Darren Gough's hattrick; the following 51 weeks will have to go some if they are to pro-

Cinema 1: One theme will dominate the big screen in the coming year - millennial angst. And the end of the world as we know it appears to be nigh Page 28 Cinema 2: After years of being consigned to dingy, cramped venues. arthouse filmgoers are suddenly being wooed by the big cinema play-

ers with soft reclining seats, sushi Swing time: Stand by your zoot suits, the big bands are back along with the jitterbug and the lindy hop - and the Forties sound has never seemed hotter ...

French fanfare: It is the centenary of the birth of the French composer Francis Poulenc: and it's just as well that the British are celebrating sterling index fell to 98.7....Page 24 duce something as good....Page 34 it. The French aren'tPage 30

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reviews by Kate Muir,

Hitchcock's Psycho

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BOOKS

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Nothing doing: Few share the hopes of zero-point energy theorists that "fluctuations" in empty space

could become a wondrous source of

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Running while her husband is still President would certainly be a break with tradition, and it also suggests a First Lady who is thinking of building a career that extends beyond the tarnished record of Mr

dynamics of a marriage in which

Clinton: Her candidacy would rep-

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Preview: Hale and Pace try their hand at sports commentary. Jobs for the Boys (BBC1, 10.15pm) Beview: Joe Joseph on Rick Stein's culinary tour of Naples ... Pages 50. 51

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Never in history has a multinational currency union succeeded. The EU has embarked on this unprecedentedly risky experiment with only a shallow, largely passive consensus. The consequences could be explosive. And it is because the politicians know this that, in their desperation for faster growth, they have already set a collision course against Central Bank Page 17

A Scottish landslide

Mr Dewar may hope to seduce a Scottish electorate with his proposals for land reform. But in playing to a nationalist grandstand, he risks pointlessly exacerbating divisions between land owners and ten-

Relative trust

Doctors are considered by some to (be admitting "backdoor" euthanasia when they sedate their patients while, at the same time, depriving them of food and water. This indicates a lack of regulation which must be addressed......Page 17

GILES COREN

This is what the supplements should be giving us - not lists of those who are dead, but those who struggle on.....

PERRY ANDERSON

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BRONWEN MADDOX

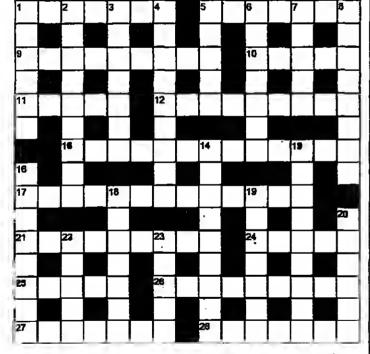
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wind. Max 13C (SSF).

Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow: cloudy, windy and wet. Fresh southwesterly wind, becoming northwesterly. Max 9C (48F).

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Northern Ireland: windy with showers Northern Ireland: windy with showers and longer spells of rain. Fresh westerly to northwesterly wind. Max 9C (48F).

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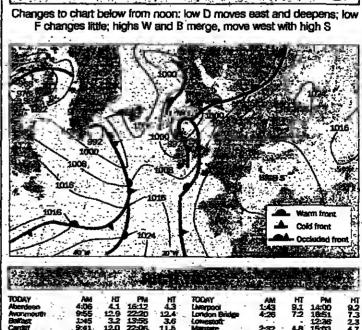
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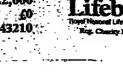
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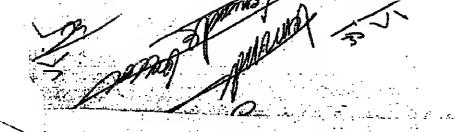
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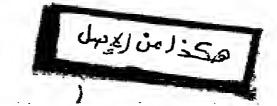


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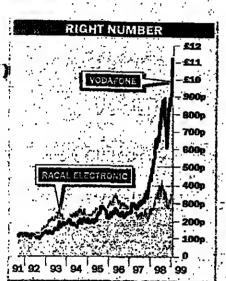
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Britain's biggest mobile phone group seeks £60bn American merger

Vodafone on line to AirTouch



By Chris Ayres

VODAFONE, Britain's largest mobile phone group, has proposed a £60 billion-plus merger with AirTonch, its US rival. The talks were revealed yesterday, hours before AirTouch was set to finalise a similar deal with Bell Atlantic, the US fixed-line and mobile telephone company. It is thought that both Vodasone and Bell value AirTouch

at about \$45 billion (£27 billion).

Vodafone, which has nearly five million British customers, has long been rumoured to be interested in buying, or merging with, AirTouch, which is based in San Francisco. Both companies are focused mainly on mobile phone markets, and have complementary, rather than competitive, European oper-ations. AirTouch has stakes in mobile phone companies in Germany, Portugal, Italy, Spain, Sweden and Belgium.

ny did not plan to sell off Air Touch's North

SHARES in Colt Telecom, the star performer on the London Stock Exhange, surged 8.8 per cent as speculation mounted that NTL, the Nasdaq-listed cable TV group, was about to launch a E7 billion bid. NTL, which recently agreed a £160 million deal to buy Newcastle United, declined to comment on the speculation. However, it admitted that it was interest-

American business, in spite of its traditional lack of interest in the US market. There are long memories in some places," one insider said. "We weren't interested in the early days, but the world is soon going to move to UMTS [the Universal Mobile Telecommunications System], and our attitude has changed." Chris Gent, chief executive of Vodafone, is

likely to head the merged group if the deal proceeds, chosen ahead of Sam Ginn, Air-Touch's chairman. It is understood, however, that the question of management has-

ed in the possibilities thrown up by Colt's de-velopment of fibre optic cable networks it was not in takeover talks. Yesterday's share surge, coming on the back of a 500 per cent rise in 1998, values Colt at £6.1 billion. It has never made a profit and its turnover for 1998 is unlikely to exceed £220 million.

not yet been seriously discussed. Vodafone sources also emphasised that the deal would be "a merger of equals" and was likely to involve an American-style stock-for-stock transaction. The deal would create the world's first truly global mobile phone com-pany, with Vodalone keeping its London list-ing. The two companies have about 22 million customers between them.

Vodafone's brief statement to the Stock Exchange yesterday said: "Following recent press comment, Vodafone confirms that it

has made an approach to AirTouch regarding a possible merger. There can be no assurance that any agreement can or will be reached.'

Shares in Vodafone, which was demerged from Racal, the electronics group, in 1991, raced ahead 61%p yesterday to close at £11.10%p, leaving it valued at £34.3 billion.

Although many analysis consider a merger between Vodafone and AirTouch to be a 'dream deal", it could still fall apart if Bell makes a higher offer. But the Bell deal had al-

ready been stalled over fears that goodwill charges after a merger would hit profits. Yesterday's merger frenzy came only a day after figures showed that 2.5 million British consumers bought mobile phones in the three months running up to Christmas. Some analysts now estimate that 40 per cent of Britons will own a mobile phone by 2000, about double the proportion today.

B&B pulls plug on pursuit of windfalls

By CAROLINE MERRELL

the FTSE 100 index.

At branches in the City yes-

terday the society was forced

to shut its doors to potential in-

vestors at lunchtime as queues snaked out into the street

Stephen Major, a chartered surveyer currently working as a plumber, has put forward a mo-

tion to the society's annual meet

ing in April proposing that the

board take steps to convert the society to a plc and distribute shares to members. Mr Major, from County Antrim, is also seeking election to the board.

Lindsay Mackinlay and

Christopher Rodrigues, the so-ciety's chairman and chief ex-ecutive respectively, were confi-dent yesterday that they would be able to defeat the resolu-

tion, pointing out that its

stance as a mutual had helped

it to grow over the past two and a half years from an asset size of £16 billion to £22 billion.

its branch network has more

ter the AGM.

THE Bradford & Bingley, un-der siege yesterday from carpetbagging investors, is draw.

second-biggest building society announced that it had been forced to suspend the opening of new savings accounts.

The decision was taken in the face of fears that it was set be overwhelmed with speculative account openings from so-called carpetbaggers keen to benefit from any cash or

ing up battle plans to fight off attempts to take the building windfalls of about £1,000 to As word spread of plans to bers. A flotation on the Stock challenge Bradford & Bing. Exchange would take it in on ley's mutual status, Britain's the oasp of immediate entry in

Bid fever grips car industry

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BID fever shook up European motor industry stocks yesterday on repeated rumours that Ford is attempting a three-way link with BMW and Honda and on speculation that Fiat. Voivo and Renault may join in the consolidation in the sector.

With industry gossip go-ing into overdrive during the Detroit Motor Show, shares of BMW jumped by more than 5 per cent in early trad-ing before falling back later when both BMW and Honda denied the existence of talks. Ford refused to confirm or deny the speculation. BMW shares closed 12 per cent higher at 6699.

Analysts believe that while the link of Ford, Honda and BMW would be the dream company as the industry is poised for consolidation, it could remain just a dream. Although a takeover by Ford has been touted, industry experts believe that merger agreements are more likely.

Ford has a market valuation of \$72 billion (£44 billion) with about \$22 billion in cash while Honda is worth \$65 billion and BMW \$23 billion. Both potential target companies could be expected to attract bid premiums as they are regarded by many analysts as the best in their countries. With rumours of a ticup with Nissan resurfacing. Renault shares closed up I 46. per cent in Paris at 642.50.



Back to work: Gordon Brown, centre, with his new team at the Treasury. Clockwise, from left, are Barbara Roche, Financial Secretary: Patricia Hewitt, Economic Secretary, Dawn Primarolo, Paymaster General; Alan Milburn, Chief Secretary to the Treasury; and Lord Simon of Highbury, Trade and Competitiveness Minister

Soros ready to keep fund open

GEORGE SOROS, the international financier, has backtracked on his decision to close the Quantum Emerging Growth Fund after finding suitable managers for the invest-ments (Richard Miles writes).

Edgar Astaire, of Edgar Astaire & Co. a leading Lonthan doubled from 250 to 600 over the same period. Mr Rodrigues said the socie-ty would have to spend about 55 million on mailing its 25 don broker of shares in Soros funds, said Mr Soros had reversed a decision in October to wind up the \$1.5 billion (£906 million) fund which million members, and on taking advertisements in the press to explain the board's position.
"We do not see the need to hedges against movements in emerging markets. float it would impair our com-petitive position. We would Mr Astaire also confirmed

that Nick Roditi, reportedly have to pay dividends to share-holders and more tax." the UK's highest paid execu-tive and one of the best known Mr Mackinlay said that he hedge managers, is returning hoped that the society would be able to re-open for savers afdue to ill bealth to manage the \$1.7 billion Quota fund. It is closing to new investors in an Commentary, page 23

Shares rise to highest level for five months

BY JANET BUSH AND RICHARD MILES

LONDON shares jumped to their highest level for five months, fuelled by gains in telecoms and drugs issues, a firmer performance on Wall Street and hopes of more UK interest rate cuts. The FTSE 100 index of leading shares closed 78.8 points higher at

5,958.2. Trading on European stock markets was far more subdued than during Monday's euro birthday rally as traders and investors turned cautious ahead of today when the first euro trades are settled. Paris shares closed up a further 1.28 per cent

but Frankfurt's DAX index finished 0.5 per cent lower. After two days of fairly smooth trading in the euro, City institutions will today face the critical test of their computer system preparations when deals conducted earlier Japanese currency, the dollar in the week are settled. The first transactions expectfor 19 months. ed to be settled are spot trades

in the euro, followed by transactions in other markets later this week and next. Bankers said the day's events would prove whether their conversion work over the weekend had been adequate.

Last Friday David Clementi, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, gave warning that London-based investment banks could face significant losses through computer glitches and human errors linked to the introduction of the euro. There have, however, been few problems reported to

The euro was upstaged by a resurgent yen yesterday and slipped slightly against the

and the pound. The yen hit its highest level against the dollar

Hopes of a UK base rate cut tomorrow when the Monetary Policy Committee concludes its two-day meeting are not omists found 19 expecting no change in rates this month but 20 predicting that rates will be cut in February.

The Chancellor, who returned to work at the Treasury yesterday with his new minis terial team, faced a call from the Engineering Employers Federation to use the next Budget to help industry to maintain investment in skills and technology through the downtum.

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Travelex chiefs claim the last laugh

By Richard Miles

IF TIMING is the secret to good comedy, then the management of Travelex - one of for foreign exchange, Clive the world's biggest operators Kahn, finance director of Travelex, believes that the firm can of airport exchange bureaux should have been rolling in continue to grow by mopping up any loose change business

Less than 48 hours after the discarded by high street banks citro's birth and the disappear in the wake of the curo. curo's birth and the disappearance of 11 mainland curren-ties, the directors of Travelex. have taken control of their company by buying out the institutional investors, Abbey National and Invester, the South African banking group.

Undeterred by a projected two-thirds decline in demand

Mr Kahn said: "The high street market for foreign exchange is expected to reduce ports serving Paris.
by 65 per cent following the 3i, the UK's biggest venture by 65 per cent following the euro's introduction. Banks will turn their backs on the business as unprofitable.

while we have captured the main distribution points for the business - airports." Travelex has more than 300 exchange outlets across the globe, although less than 25

per cent of those are located in "euroland". It has already ne-gotiated exclusive agreements to operate at Charles de Gaulle and at Orly, the two aircapitalist firm, is backing the management buyout alhow much money it has pumped into Travelex in return for a 33 per cent stake. 3i said it would take a five to seven-year view on its investment in Travelex. Like most bureaux de

change, Travelex operates on thin profit margins. It forecasts a turnover of £2.1 billion for 1999, with corresponding pre-tax profits of merely £7 million. Abbey National triggered the management buyout by indicating that it wanted to disthough it refuses to disclose pose of its third stake.

executive, said the company had spent a lot of time looking at the impact of the euro on Travelex's business before deciding to press ahead with its financing. What Travelex have done is to target the key entry and exit points on the European continent. Their view, and our view, is that its distribution outlets and range of agreements put Travelex in a good position to be one of the key providers of foreign ex-

Gina Hunt, a 3i investment

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Abbot looks into

Norwegian link ABBOT GROUP. Britain's largest North Sea drilling with ProSafe, its Norwegian counterpart, aimed at creating a European rival to the powerful US oil services

Shares of Abbot Group jumped 9 per cent to 1951/p on news of the talks, which envisage a 50/50 merger of the two groups to create a £500 mil-lion company listed in Lon-don. ProSafe gained almost 60 per cent on the Oslo stock exchange in the belief that it would secure the better half of the bargain. Abbot owns KCA Drilling, the largest drilling contractor in the

North Sea. Page 23; Tempus, page 24

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Campaign targets victims of mis-selling

A EIO MILLION advertising campaign paid for by the insurance Indus-try and intended to target an estimat-ed 1.8 million victims of the pensions

mis-selling scandal began yesterday.

As it launched the campaign the Financial Services Authority (FSA), the City watchdog, said people who had been badly advised could be owed as much as £4,000 each.

Life companies will now begin distributing information packs to up to three million people inviting them

ware company to break its "choke hold" on the computer

Bill Harris, the chief execu-

ove of Inuit, the maker of per-

sonal finance software, for the

first time raised in the court-

room the issue of what punish-ment Microsoft deserved if

found guilty Mr Harris suggested that

computer operating systems, a sector in which Microsoft has

a near-monopoly, is similar to the water industry where com-

petition is almost impossible

and continual state regulation

is a necessity. He said: "It seems to me rea-

sonable for the court to make a

distinction between operating

systems and other applications

to the extent that the operating

The campaign, paid for by a £10 million levy on the life insurance in-dustry, is being run on television and radio and in newspaper

Both life insurers and independent financial advisers (IFAs) who sold the plans in the 1980s and 1990s will have to bear the cost of compensating victims. Estimates of the final bill are between Ell billion and E22 billion.

The IFA Association, which represents advisers, said last night it hoped the advertising campaign

pectations amongst the public". Garry Heath, chief executive, said: We do not wish people to believe this is some form of new lottery, a substitute for the Readers' Digest draw or a new version of Become a millionaire. The majority of people contacted for the first phase of the review did not receive re-

dress because they did not deserve it." The new advertisements, which will run until April, urge consumers to take action if they feel they may have been mis-sold a personal pension between 1988 and 1994. They include the slogans: "R.U.Owed?" and "Mis-sold a pension? They O.U.".
Ron Devlin, director of the pensions review for the FSA, said: "Many younger people are unaware that they

may have been affected by personal pensions mis-selling. People should look out for the advertisments and if they receive the R.U.Owed? envelope, they should read the contents carefully and take the necessary action if

they would like their case reviewed."
The first phase of the pensions review, which ended on December 31, was targeted at customers who were close to retirement or had already re-tired. At the end of November, 388,000 people had been offered re-dress of £2 billion out of a total of 680,000 cases. They will not receive cash, but may be reinstated in their

employers schemes.
Phase If is aimed at people who were 35 or younger when they were sold a pension.

Pension mis-selling occurred when people who would have been better off in their employers' pension scheme were advised either to leave or not to join those scheme

Executive pay gap gets narrower

CHIEF EXECUTIVES saw their salary and bonus packages increase by an average of 9.2 per cent last year — but they were left to stare in envy at the 13.5 per cent raise en-joyed by less senior colleagues. The figures are part of a sur-vey by Watson Wyart, the actuarial consultant, which said there was evidence that the gap in pay between chief execu-dves and other directors is falling. Roger Down, of Watson Wyatt, said: "Board director base salary increases are ahead of last year, reflecting continuing demand for highquality executives."

The survey also found that the average notice period required halved last year from 24 months to only 12 months. reflecting the recent changes to corporate governance guidelines in the UK, including the Hampel report, which was published in 1998. The average notice period stood at 36 months in 1994. The survey also found that the predicted demise of long-term incentive plans based on total shareholder return is not materialising. The report looked at the boards of 57 companies, including 25 taken from the

P&U £lbn stake sale

THE Swedish Government will gain more than El billion from the sale of its remaining stake in Pharmacia & Upjohn. the drugs combine formed by the merger of Sweden's Phar-macia and America's Upjohn in 1995. Sweden is profiting from the sharp rise in P&U shares last year and plans to un-load its 7 per cent interest by the end of the month. The sale will remove the last vestige of Swedish influence over the company, which was wracked by management rivalry and highprofile resignations after the merger.

Dutch sale by Meyer

MEYER INTERNATIONAL, the Jewson and Harcros builder's merchant and timber group, is to take a £13 million loss on the £56 million cash sale of its Dutch import and merchant business. Meyer is selling the business to William Pont, the Dutch group. Alan Petersen, chief executive, said the sale was "in line with our strategy to withdraw from the bulk wholesaling of softwood and panel products". The company said it was holding on to its Dutch tiles, kitchens and bathrooms business, which has been renamed Van de Venne van der Sluis.

Precoat prediction

PRECOAT INTERNATIONAL, a processor and distributor of precoated steel in the UK and Canada, said it expected progress in its full year, in spite of an unhelpful economic and market situation. In its half year to October 31, pre-tax profits were little changed at £1.96 million (£1.94 million) on turnover 15 per cent up to £32.6 million. Earnings per share were 8.65p (8.87p). The interim dividend remains 2.60p. Ian Williams, chairman, said Precoat was looking at acquisitions and was also confident about medium-term organic growth prospects.

WBB in German deal

WATTS BLAKE BEARNE (WBB), the claymining company, has bought Fuchs sche Tongruben, the quarries, plant and mineral reserves business of Villeroy & Boch in Germany, for DM32.5 million (£11.6 million). The purchased assets include 13 million tonnes of raw material reserves. The Fuchs quarries generated revenue of DMII million in 1998 and WBB said it expects DM14 million this year. WBB has secured a long-term supply contract from the vendor. WBB bought Berggarten and Unnerwald in Germany in December 1997.

Burndene advances

BURNDENE INVESTMENTS, the manufacturer of caravans and ladies hosiery and operator of holiday parks, saw its shares soar 25 per cent after it announced improved fullyear results and an encouraging start to the new financial year. The company's shares closed up 7p to 354p after it reported pre-tax profit for the year to October 3 of £8.3 million. from £6 million last time. Turnover was £101.8 million (£91.3 million) and earnings per share were 6.05p (4.05p). The final dividend of 1.70p (1.30p) brings the total to 2.50p (2.05p).

Hanson for Malaysia

HANSON, the building materials group, has entered the Ma-laysian aggregates market by buying the Tanah Raya Group for 100 million ringgit (£16 million). Tanah owns four aggregate quarries in southern Malaysia. Andrew Dougal, chief executive, said that Hanson was looking for a wider geographic exposure beyond Britain and the US, which account for more than 90 per cent of group trading profit. He said: "Although conditions in the region are weak, infrastructure programmes in Malaysia and Singapore clearly hold promise."

Diploma shares hit

A TRIPLE trading wharmny across the operating divisions of Diploma saw shares in the industrial group crash 28 per cent yesterday. Diploma said trading in its three divisions in the first quarter of its financial year - the last three months of 1998 - "continued to decline in worsening market conditions". ft said competition in the electronics market was intense and a relative decline in housing starts affected its building products operations, while its oil industry specialist steel business was hit by the falling crude price. The shares fell 46p to 1171/2p.

Dresdner shifts stakes

DRESDNER BANK, Germany's third-largest banking group, is to split off \$15 billion (£9 billion) of its investment portfolio by moving its large shareholdings in big German companies, such as BMW, the carmaker, into separate units. The bank, which trades in London as Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, said it is spinning off its stakes in BMW, understood to be about 5 per cent, as well as its 10 per cent shareholding in Allianz, the insurance group, and its 10 per cent stake in Munich Re, the reinsurer, into separate investment vehicles.

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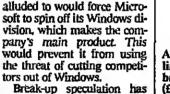
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Key witness tells judge to break up Microsoft FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK THE most senior witness to system is an essential service. testify at the Microsoft andone that consumers have no trust trial to date has urged choice but to use. Such market the judge to break up the softpower should not be used to

Ronnie Frost, chairman of Hays, the distribution and recruitment company, which has bought 97 per cent of France Partner, a French courier group, for an initial FrI50 million (£16 million). Further payments of up to Fr50 million will be due in 2000 and 2001, subject to attainment of targets. Hays, which controls Colirail, a French courier, said the deal lifts its share of the French early-morning express delivery market to 20 per cent. The two couriers will gradually be integrated.

Amazon revenues to top \$1bn

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK



Break-up speculation has pushed Microsoft stock to new heights. Lehman Brothers predicted yesterday that the shares will move from their present price of \$143 to \$185.

leverage into other markets." Microsoft stands accused of using its dominant position in

the operating system market

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Mr Harris told the court

that his company was forced to cut all links with Netscape,

Microsoft's internet browser

rival. to have its logo dis-played on the main page of

Windows, the Microsoft operating system.
Microsoft lawyers were tak-

en by surprise when Mr Har-

ris made suggestions about

how to remedy the market im-

balance. Courtroom observers report that the Microsoft camp

was briefly gripped by panic. The company has for weeks

been trying to dampen talk of a break-up of America's big-

John Warden, the company

lawyer, demanded to know if Mr Harris had discussed his

views with the Justice Department, which is prosecuting the case. Mr Harris said: "It was

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gest company.

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business in other sectors.

There are well-known historical precedents for a break-up. AT&T's monopoly was split up in 1984 and John Rockefeller's Standard Oil Company was broken up in 1911, a move that made America's richest ever man even wealthier.

AMAZON.COM, the top online bookseller, is poised to break through the \$1 billion (£600 million) annual revenue barrier after Christmas sales more than tripled.

The company reported fourth-quarter revenues of \$250 million, up from \$66 million a year ago. The company was quick to caution that sales could fall again after the gift-buying season.

But analysts pointed out that many shoppers would have used online retailers for the first time this Christmas.

and if the new Amazon customers were satisfied they were likely to return with bigger orders in the months to

However, the company said that it is even further away from making a profit than before. Losses are expected to increase as Amazon continues to grow aggressively. The company has added music and video sales to its website, a business with lower margins than the book trade.

Amazon has also recently

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opened separate websites and book warehouses in Britain and Germany, with further overseas expansions likely. During the Christmas period, Amazon shipped 7.5 million items overseas, more than inall of 1997.

Amazon's continued success will further fuel the demand for Internet retail stocks. Amazon shares rose more than ten times last year and America Online (AOL) went np sixfold.

AOL reported this week that retail sales on its network

had reached \$1.2 billion. But while the emerging Internet brand name companies are growing quickly, many specu-lative Internet flotations have failed to incite a Wall Street following. Jeff Bezos, Amazon's found-

cr and chief executive, who left a hedge fund to start Amazon.com in 1994, owns about 48 per cent of the company. investors have flocked to the company, driving its shares up from under \$10 a

year ago to more than \$118

Engineers warn of severe job losses

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

MORE than 18,000 engineering jobs were lost in just nine months last year as companies were hit by the strength of sterling. This year the toll could be 82,000, according to the industry's trade group.

The losses were revealed by the Engineering Employers Federation, which said engineering was in the "grip of recession". The industry was rocked in the last quarter of 1998 by a further drop in output, a decline in export orders, a record low for domestic orders and a cut in capital spend-

ing plans, the EEF said. Graham McKenzie, EEF director-general, said: "With UK twice the level of our European competitors and poor pros-pects for the rest of 1999, there is still a need for further cuts in rates at the earliest opportunity. Furthermore, we would urge the Chancellor to use his forthcoming Budget to introduce proactive counter-cyclical measures, to help industry to maintain essential investment in skills and technology through the downturn."

Last October the EEF said 100,000 job losses would be clocked up by the start of the millennium. It said that, because of the time lag between high interest rates and job loss-es, the shedding of staff would be worse in 1999.

By Jason Nissé

take a stand at the show.

man of the BMIF, said the posi-

tion was unfortunate, but that,

one of the best-known names in British yachting, has been excluded from this year's London Boat Show because of worries about its financial position.

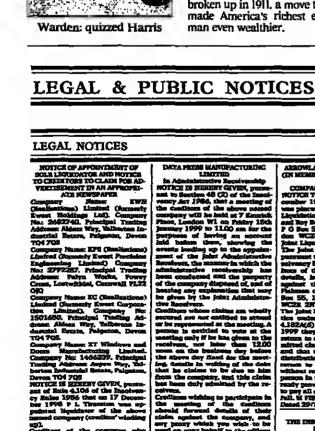
fixture at the Earls Court show, which opened to the public on Friday. Robert White, Topper's sales director, said he could not remember a Boat Show at which Topper had not been represented. However. Topper has suf-

fered financial difficulties because of a fall in orders from

fair to our other exhibitors." Robert White said Topper Show, said Topper's financial

problems meant it could not Tony Beechey, executive chair-

will use the £60,000 it would have spent on a stand at Earls Court to build a showroom at itsfactory in Brightlingsea, Essex.



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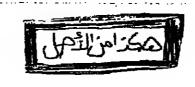
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Financial hot water keeps Topper out of Boat Show TOPPER INTERNATIONAL France and last month agreed to the notice of the CVA, Ana company's voluntary arrange-ment (CVA) with its creditors to drew White had said that Topper was insolvent and the RMIC avoid going into receivership. would not accept bookings from Even though Topper's man-agement and the CVA supervi-sor, Andrew White of Monres companies that are insolvent. We have 800 exhibitors queu-The dinghy and catamaran maker's stand is a traditional ing up to take stands at the show," said Mr Beechey. "If we Rowland, the accountant, say the arrangement has secured the group's future, British Mahad accepted a booking from Topper it would not have been rine Industries Federation (BMIF), which runs the Boat

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join forces with AirTouch of the United States. Unfortunately,

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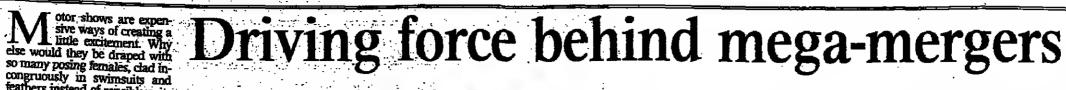
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feathers instead of sensible suits and driving shoes? And no won-Bell Atlantic has spotted the atder that such cabaret distracts tractions of the US mobile phone from engine capacity and sends operator and has started talking terms. Whatever Vodafone's ambitions, its chances of coming out pening in Detroit, from where the latest batch of motor industry merger stories is emanating. Yes-

on top in a bid battle against the mighty Bell seem slight. But Vodafone has been getting to know Airlouch for months terday's story had Ford in macho mood, sweeping up Honda and BMW. The details of the mechaand may yet harbour hopes of being able to concoct a proposal that might appeal to the Air-Touch board. Wooing US share-holders a storage industrial local. but the idea, despite being down-played by those concerned, has there is a strong industrial logic in putting the two businesses to-gether to form a base from which to persuade Americans that the together would create a truly glo-bal business at a time when, in every industry, that much-ban-died label is becoming a reality. It now seems inevitable that world markets will be dominated by a few big players in each sec-tor. The polarisation in stock markets is already reflecting this view emerging euroland's enthu-siasm for the leading companies is leaving the smaller stocks look-ing sadly unloved. Yet the first mega-merger of the year could mobile phone is an essential part of modern life.

of modern life.

It is the suspicion that this awakening is due, and the fact that technology is at last making mobile telephony a coast-to-coast reality in the US, that is inspiring Bell Atlantic's enthusiasm for AirTouch. But the deal would also bring Bell a strong presence in Europe. Vodafune's hopes that it might pick up AirTouch's Burnough to the strong that it might pick up AirTouch's Burnough to the strong that the stro Atlantic is subscribing to the globalisation theory.

it might pick up Air Touch's European operations as a consolation prize could be ill-founded if Bell

Investors have been backing telecoms stocks with all the fer-



COMMENTARY by our City Editor

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your that they pursued financial services companies and pharmaceuticals manufacturers. These have been some of the early beneficiaries of the globalisation trend. But other sectors have been slower to respond. More consolidation among motor companies, for instance, must lead to mergers among the component manufacturers. Euroland is but a staging post the world is the commercial stage now.

Crisis, what crisis at the Treasury?

A new term has brought Gordon Brown a new team at the Treasury. After 19 months, a reshuffle, a promotion and two key resigna-tions, the Chancellor has only one of his original five ministers in the same post. And be is the supernumerary Lord Simon of Highbury, who was almost invis-

pointment and being wheeled back into the daylight to greet the birth of his beloved curo.

That birth is also meant to create a euro-friendly atmosphere for publication of the Treasury's changeover plan, due within a month. No one in business need take it seriously unless the Chancellor does his bit. He must spell out when and under what circumstances he plans to hitch sterling into the Mark 2 exchange-rate mechanism, the only responsible way to bring the UK economic cycle into convergence with euroland.

The rest of the agenda is anything but new. In only its second new year, new Labour has managed to conjure up images last seen in the Winter of Discontent exactly 20 years ago, which final-ly consigned old Labour to the

Then it was striking workers picketing hospitals and failing to bury the dead. In new Labour's

left in corridors and a refrigerated trailer parked behind an East Anglian hospital, to store an over-flow of corpses awaiting burial. Even Tony Blair, returning

from statesmanlike duties around his holiday in the Seychelles, un-cannily invokes images of Jim Callaghan, whose complacent comments on his return from a Caribbean conference evoked the head-line "Crisis, what crisis". After two years, Mr Brown has budgeted lots more for health. It

is clearly not enough. But dare his new team be anything but ultra-cautious when they draft a new Budget for March? The Treasury's forecasts are for slower growth this year than anticipated in the spending review. Most other people's forecasts are even lower for 1999 and the millennium year. Lower rates of income tax look out of the greeting again, unless they are

question again, unless they are designed to increase taxation by Cutting allowances.

One group, at least, may be

hopeful. Barbara Roche, who takes over the detailed tax role as Financial Secretary, made an imexpected hit in her previous role as Minister for Small Business. The benefits of tax help to small firms also seem to have made an impression on her. Now is the time to translate that into action.

Who would want the doctor of spin?

he deliberations of the Chancellor's new team are unlikely to be subject to the vigorous spinning of Charlie Whelan for very much longer. But can this mean that job offers have been piling in to help rid Mr Brown of his turbulent assistant? Mr Whelan has apparently made it clear that be has no wish to find a new job in the City. The to find a new job in the City. The feeling is almost certainly mutual. While Mr Whelan's way of doing business appeared to be condoned and even encouraged by the Chancellor, there would be few commercial organisations that proud event encouraged by the chancellor, there would be few commercial organisations. that would countenance his idiosyncratic methods.

While the news of his enforced departure from the Treasury has precipitated some affectionate

comments of the "cheeky chapcomments of the "cheeky chap-py" genre, companies that treat their communications with the outside world as a vital part of their operations need profession-als to do the job. Imagine Glaxo Wellcome. Merrill Lynch or Kingfisher allowing their rela-tions with the press to hinge on a bar stool and a mobile phone. When organisations are com-

When organisations are com-peting for business and invest-ment, they know they need to put their message across strongly but to mislead the media is pointless: the figures will eventually tell the truth. Mr Whelan might have some difficulty in adapting his techniques to fit that world. Perhaps he is right to turn his attentions to prospects in the world of football Perhaps Geoffrey Robinson could pull a few strings at Coventry.

Talk of windfalls

BRANCHES of the Bradford & Bingley Building Society were barring their doors against the onslaught of carpethaggers yesterday. It was a fine sight to preface today's meeting of the Building Societies Association intent ing Societies Association, intent on finding ways of preserving mu-tualisation. The delegates will be hard-pressed to find arguments to militate against the attractions of a windfall. They will have to take comfort in the fact that the queues outside the B&B demonstrated how financially aware the

Abbot in merger talks with Norwegian rival

BY CARL MORTISHED, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EDITOR

ale for merger. However, he indicated that the low oil price was a spur to consolidation and said that an Anglo-Norwegian alliance was needed to take on American drilling giants such as Santa Fe and Noble He said: They have tremendous clout. That is what

news of the talks, which enviswe are trying to address." age a 50/50 merger of the two Abbot sees the spate of groups to create a £500 million mega-mergers in the oil sector. company listed in London as both problem and opportuProSale gained almost 60 per cent on the Oslo Stock Exchange on expectations that it would secure the better half of idation that is taking place within the resize of problems. the bargain.
Michael Salter, chief operatwithin the major oil producing companies is likely to reduce ing officer of Abbot, said that the customer base of both cost-cutting was not the ration- Abbot and ProSafe." -

The merged company hopes to expand beyond the North Sea by piggy-backing on cus-tomers, such as BP Amoco, as they move to lower cost areas in the Caspian and Middle East. Abbot, which made half-year profits of £7 million on sales of £90 million, owns KCA Drilling, the largest drilling

business ProSafe is the world's largest owner of accommodation rigs as well as the leading drilling contractor on the Norwegian continental shelf. In the nine months to September, ProSafe made profits of about £20 mil-

contractor in the North Sea, as

well as a drilling mud business

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lion on turnover of £150 million. Mr Salter said there would be few synergies from combin-ing the two drilling opera-tions. However, he said the low oil price would push the oil companies into outsourcing more of their unstream activities. "Outsourcing be-came the rage in 1992 but the impetus dropped off when the oil price recovered. Now it will

pick up again."

Mr Locke will become executive chairman of the merged company while Reidar Lund. chief executive of ProSafe, will become chief executive after completion of the deal.

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forecasts sharp dip in return

Euclidian, the Lloyd's insurance company, is predicting a sharp fall in the underwriting return for the year just closed.

Underwriting returns for 1996, insurance for which has just closed, are estimated to be between 5 and 7.5 per cent. In the previous period. Euclidian made 13 per cent. Sir Alexander Graham, the

chairman, said that softness in the insurance market was likely to continue. "There is still lit-tle opportunity for most primary insurers to increase their underwriting rates," he said. However, he pointed to some upward movements in reinsurance premiums. Euclidian was reporting

pre-tax profits for the six months to September 30, of £1.7 million, up from £1.4 million. The dividend remains 2p. share up to 5.03p, from 3.95p. Tempus, page 24

Blow to Kvaerner's attack on its debts

Kvaemer's attempts to cut its El.1 billion debt have suffered a setback with the collapse of a property sale.
The British-Norwegian engi-

neer, which has promised to unveil a new structure in March, announced the disposal of its US housebuilding activities in October. The businesses were being sold to two buyers for about \$150 million (E90 million). However, one buyer - a con-

sortium that wanted to buy only a residential development in South Riding, Virginia - could not raise the necessary \$55 million and the estate has been put on the market again. Kvaerner had already booked a sale profit in its fourth-quarter results, which will be reversed. A spokesman said: "We are already talking to a number of potential purchasers." Fourth-quarter asset sales totalled \$290 million.

Factory jobs lost as liquidators act

Euclidian | Court computer system's '£60m waste' criticised

THE Lord Chancellor's Decused of wasting up to £60 million of public money on a computer system for the magis-trates' courts of England and

The Private Finance Initiative deal, worth £183 million over ten years, was awarded to a consortium led by ICL, the systems services group, and Unisys, the US computer giant, yesterday after a yearlong bid battle. However, a rival consorti-

um led by EDS, of Texas, said that it had offered to supply a similar system for less than

El20 million. The EDS team had withdrawn its bid last autumn after learning that it had been designated a category "A" risk factor by the Lord Chancellor's Department, indi-cating that the department did not believe that EDS could deliver its system on time.

The ICL consortium has, however, offered to deliver the system, called Libra, in exactly the same timeframe. This requires Libra to be operational by the end of 2001, allowing information about trials, charges and convictions to be delivered online to magistrates' courts and outside users.

EDS has complained to the department about how the bidding was conducted and has also questioned why Richard Stock, chairman of the user committee representing the courts, resigned at a crucial point in the bidding process.

Alan Gibson, ICL executive director, said that he could not

comment on why EDS had

withdrawn from the bidding.

but that, in the end, ICL was

on a shortlist of one. The Lord Chancellor's Department was unable to comment on the bid process, but has said in the past that it was EDS's choice to withdraw.

Nigeria cuts oil subsidy

By CARL MORTISHED INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EDITOR

NICERIA has cut funding to its troubled oil industry by 20 per cent and promised a review of the funding of the joint ventures with foreign oil companies, including Shell, Elf, Mobil and Texaco. The review could lead to a

sell-off of a large stake in Nigeria's vast oil reserves, a move hitherto considered unacceptable for political reasons. Nigeria's Finance Minister, Ismaila would be appointed to report on the joint ventures and the possibility of alternative funding. "The Government is concerned about its disproportionate participation in the operations of the joint ventures."

Foreign oil companies have been clamouring for privatisa-tion of all or part of the average 57 per cent interest of the Nigeian National Petroleum Corporation. State funding for the oil joint ventures will fall from \$2.5 billion (£1.5 billion) last year to \$2 billion. However. NNPC is still some \$700 million in arrears on cash calls to the joint ventures and Western oil companies have given warning of dire consequences of falling output if Nigeria does not

increase investment. The collapse in the price of crude oil has badly eroded Nigeria's foreign currency earnings, further weakening its ability to invest. Oil revenues are expected to be just \$5.3 bil-lion in the 1999 budget, down from last year's \$6.3 billion which compares with an original budget of \$9.8 billion.

Battling to emerge, page 25



Michael Hurdle has been looking at a range of options to fend off W&DB's hostile bid

Pressure on Marston's

MARSTON, Thompson & Evershed, the Pedigree bitter brewer, faces mounting pressure to pull a deal out of the hat to stand any chance of fighting off Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries' hostile bid (Dominic Walsh writes). Industry sources believe that Marston's, chaired by Michael

Hurdle, has been looking at a range of options, from a management buyout to a merger with the rival brewers Morland and Mansfield, in an effort to provide a robust response to W&DB's £262 million bid.

analyst at Teather & Green-wood, said: "Unless they come in with something extremely creative, Marston's days look mumbered. The new management team has put in place an interesting strategy, but it is unproven. investors are only interested in the next three months. My guess is that Wolves will sweeten its of-

fer and that will be that." Marston's is expected to elaborate on its plans in its formal defence document, which is due to be posted out to shareholders on Friday. Other possibilities are a break-up, a sale to a white Nigel Popham, drinks sector knight or the so-called parman

option, whereby the prey launch-es a counter-bid for the predator. The pacman option is considered unlikely, while the chances of a white knight entering the fray have diminished since the obvious candidate, Greene that W&DB's bid succeeds.

King, joined forces with W&DB. The Abbot Ale brewer has agreed to buy 170 of Marston's pubs for £80 million in the event W&DB yesterday extended its offer until January 29 after receiving acceptances in respect of just 0.89 per cent of Marston's shares by Mon-

day's second closing date.

About 240 factory workers lost their jobs yesterday as liquidators moved to wind up Telecom Manufacturing Limited (TML), a Liechtenstein-owned company based in Airdrie, Lanarkshire. Ian Rankin, a liquidator, of PricewaterhouseCoopers, said that TML is owed £5 million by Telecom Sciences Limited (TSL), a company based in Manchester but also owned by the same parent, the Dubell Foundation. Mr Rankin said: Twe been in the insolvency business for 20 years and this is one of the quaintest set-ups I've come across. Clearly there are a number of unanswered

Granada £80m hotel parcel for sale However, analysts believe that, as lio, which is increasingly focused on with previous asset disposals, Grana-the Méridien, Posthouse and da will eventually be forced to sell the Travelodge brands. One of the bestview" and that no decision had yet BY DOMINIC WALSH

GRANADA, the media and hospitality group, has quietly put a "for sale" sign over a package of 23 Heritage and Posthouse hotels with a combined price tag of about £80 million. The properties, totalling almost 2,000 bedrooms, are being sold as part of the continuing tidying up of the whotel portfolio acquired with the take.

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properties off in ones and twos.

The 15-Posthouses in question are largely older properties that do not fit the new Posthouse blueprint launched in September 1997 and backed up by a E60 million investment programme, but dismissed suggestions that the The biggest are in Manchester, brand might disappear. It said that the Sheffield, Runcom and Erskine, near disposals were simply part of the nor-

known is the 33-room White Horse at Romsey, Hampshire, parts of which date back to Elizabethan times. Granada admitted that it was

selling a number of Heritage hotels, but dismissed suggestions that the mal churn", whereby lesser units are sold and better properties acquired. The group also claimed that the i5 Posthouses were merely under re-

been taken on whether they would actually be sold. Meanwhile, talks over three London

four-star hotels that were put up for sale a year ago continue to drag on after the collapse of a deal with Highgate Holdings, the US property group. Granada is now in talks to sell the 329-room Russell to Principal Hotels for about £60 million, while Chelstield is circling the 86-room Saint-Georges, which is worth about £12 million. The 255-room Cavendish

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Drug companies inject pace into new year trade

THIS could be a bumper year for drug companies. Giaxo breaking run yesterday with a leap of 104p to a high of £22.33 as 8.5 million shares, worth about £189 million, changed hands.

Glaxo, along with other drug companies, has benefited from new year share tips and there has even been talk that Britain's biggest drug company may be poised to make a spoiling bid for rival Zeneca. up 80p to £27.74, already the subject of an agreed merger with Sweden's Astra.

Also making headway was SmithKline Beecham. 33½p dearer at 887p, on the back of a buy" recommendation from Dresdner Kleinwort Benson.

Other leading shares were much in demand, especially those linked with possible corporate activity such as Bardays, up 54p to £13.42, and GEC, 22p stronger at 5554p. where Cazenove, the broker.

has set a target price of 600p. Strong performances by the drug and telecom sectors paved the way for a positive performance by the rest of the equity market. But despite further strong gains for the Dow Jones industrial average in early trading, prices in London closed below their best levels.

The FTSE 100 index finished 78.8 points up at 5,958.2 having briefly touched 5,980.5. The gains were less spectacular among the second-liners and that was reflected in the FTSE 250 index, up 19.2 to 4,870.2. Total turnover reached 962 million shares.

Retailers claiming they have done well over the Christmas period are a rare commodity these days. However, Safeway, it seems, is the genuine article. It says sales were good, despite a slow start that was

offset by a strong finish. In November, Safeway, down 10%p to 268%p, reported sales in the first five weeks of the second half up 5 per cent. Peter Jones, at Peel Hunt, the broker, expects that sort of growth to be maintained.

By contrast, Asda, down 54p to 158p, may have found the going difficult. Panmure Gordon, the broker, remains worried about the benefits of promotional activity and ha reiterated its "sell" recommen-

dation for the shares. Yesterday's profits warning from the German software gi-ant SAP sent a shudder



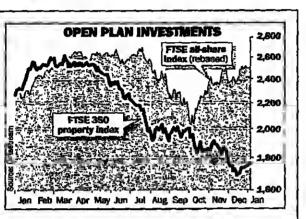
David Webster, the chairman, and Colin Smith, the chief executive, right, saw shares of Safeway fall 10%p to 268%p

through British software specialists. Losses were seen in ECsoft Group, 45p to £20.55. MMT Computing, 35p to 892kp, London Bridge Software, 471/2p to £12.40: MSB International, 34p to 280p and CMG, 23p to £15.77. Moving against the trend, MSW Technology stood out with a rise of 151/p at 1351/p.

Arcadia continued to hit

new depths with a fall of 5p to 164p. Earlier this week Credit Suisse First Boston, the broker, undermined the Top Shop and Burton retailer, with a profits downgrade. Yesterday was joined by ABN Amro Hoare Govett, which is reckoned to have reduced its profit numbers by 20 per cent. HSBC Securities, the bro-

ker, has raised its recommen-



CREDIT Suisse First Boston, the broker, was behind a long-awaited buying spree in the property sector. After the sector hit a low relarive to the market last month, the broker has now decided that it has fallen far enough and is said to be urging clients to go "over-

It has also raised its recommendation for one of the Land Securities, up 29½p to 800p., and also for Great Portland, 5½p higher at 198p. from "self" to "hold".

Its views may not set the property sector alight but, it is hoped, it may be enough to prompt other brokers to take a fresh look at the commercial property market.

CSFB's move also managed to stimulate British Land 16%p to 473p, Bradford Property 9%p to 211%p, Chelsfield 15%p to 270p, Eskmuir 131/sp to 181p, Ham-merson 181/sp to 372p, MEPC 16%p to 422%p, and Peel Holdings 17%p to 532%p. Only time will tell whether this is the start of a er at 713½p. It has moved from "hold" to "buy" and rates the defence and civil aerospace group as 'an attractive proposition for 1999".

Diploma was one of the worst-performing stocks, fall-ing 41p to 1224p after it gave warning that profits for the current year will be lower than last time round. It blamed declining trading conditions.

It seems we stuffed ourselves with record amounts of seasonal fare over the Christmas holiday. Cranswick, up 3p to 285%p, says it sold four million chipolatas, cocktail and ordinary sausages in the weeks leading up to Christ-mas. Most of it was sold through J Sainsbury, Asda

and William Morrison. Sytner Group receded 3p to 179p with sources close to the company saying the company has not received any bid approaches. The motor distributor has been the subject of intense bid speculation that has lifted it from a low of 1231/p.

Traders reported some heavy turnover in Fortune Oil, up %p to 3%p, as more than ten million shares changed hands. This followed the put-through of at least two large lines of stock, including one of four million at 24p and

2.5 million at 2.87p. Servoment touched 147½p before ending 1/29 firmer at 1271/4p on talk of a bid from City Technology, 31/sp better at 2031/sp.

Over on AIM, Honey-combe Leisure reached a new high of 74kp, a rise of 5p. Earlier this week, James Baer, direc-tor, bought 5,000 shares at 70p, taking his total holding to 625,000, or 2.8 per cent. GILT-EDGED: The bond

market had a neglected look as investors sought other places to invest money. Prices drifted across the yield curve as money was ploughed into both the credit and swaps market. In the futures pit, the March series of the long gilt retreated

390 to £119.25 as more than 23,000 contracts were completed. Cash issues saw Treasury 8 per cent 2021 drop 20p to £151.60, while among shorterdated stocks, Treasury 7 per cent 2002 was 13p easier at

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Walking on AirTouch

WITH a 14 per cent rise behind Vodafone this week (and since this column included it as a new year tip) it is tempting now to take profits. Starting the week at 976p, Vodatone was trading at 55 times forecast earnings per share for the year to next March. Now at £11.10%, the shares trade on a multiple of 63 times. At such heady levels it may not take much - say a scare that mobiles do heighten cancer risks in users - to knock the cards over.

The sharp rise of Vodafone this year is easily explained. The excellent connection numbers published on Tuesday coupled with excitement vesterday about a possible merger with Air-Touch, a \$45 billion rival based in San Francisco. However, both bits of good news have downsides that the market has chosen to ig-nore. The vast majority of Vodafone's new customers are on "pre-pay" deals, and in revenue - sense, but keep the faith for now.

terms these are neither as lucrative nor as reliable as the more established annual subscription contracts. Swallowing AirTouch, meanwhile, could cause serious indigestion.

But the bull argument still holds sway. Any new customers are better than no customers and once introduced to the convenience of mobile telephony, there is every chance some could become more remunerative. With regard to its overseas expansion ideas. Vodafone is blessed with foreign experience. It also has a cautious alternative approach, nab Air-Touch for its European exposure and sell offthe American side.

There are precious few industries that have as clearly visible growth potential as this one. In Vodafone you also have a telecoms company that is profitable. The rating makes little

Abbot

ABBOT is heading down the but it will increasingly conright road in looking to merge with ProSale of Norway but it may be paying a high toll for the privilege.

Britain's North Sea oil services industry is at an important juncture. Exploration is being drastically curbed on Europe's continental shelf. With the oil price stubbornly low and the cost of finding and piping oil from the North Sea at \$12 a barrel, there is no margin in it. Unsurprisingly, the oil majors are seeking cheaper oil in the Gulf of Mexico and West Africa.

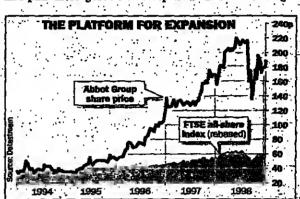
Companies such as Abbot are doing fine working exist-ing fields but if the explora-tion hiatus continues their order books will decline. Abbot is correct to draw the conclusion that it cannot afford to remain a parochial service group swimming in just one

pond. The solution is to find shop window. However, its work in more popular fields. front the financial clout and expertise of America's oil serv-

apparent reluctance to seek management savings by com-bining the two drilling operations looks dubious.

It could be strategy to smooth the merger path but

ice giants.
The likes of BP Amoco and Exxon Mobil will be difficult Abbot needs to drive a harder and demanding customers. bargain with its new partner. too. The merger with ProSafe
Increases Abbot's resources services industry cannot sit is and puts more goods in its splendid isolation for long. The parapered Norwegian oil services industry cannot sit in



Amey

AMEY has done well trans-forming itself. From being a a tired old civil engineering company - perennially at the mercy of construction cycle vagaries - it has now moved into the much brighter business of building and maintaining buildings, roads and other infrastructure. It has also tapped into the current trend for outsourcing.

Cynics say that outsourcing turns a one-off capital ex-pense into a medium-term tevenue expense, flattering the look of the balance sheet in the process. This is true but businesses also like to out-. source because it enables them to focus on their knitting. It is like employing an accountant to fill out your tax return; in terms of time spent you may be able to earn far bean counter.

Yesterday Amey signed a deal that is exactly like that. It will be paid £65 million over

Hong Kong.

three years to run Centrica's business support services. Amey is promising Centrica that it can save the gas company money and still make a

nice profit itself. There is much more of this business to go for and unlike; some of the information technology companies that are also into outsourcing, Amey will not face a fall in demand once the millennium bug has

been sorted out. Its shares rose 44 per centlast year and there is every reason to believe the surge will continue. Buy.

Euclidian

NEWS yesierday from Euclidian makes worrying reading because it confirms that underwriting conditions in the Lloyd's insurance market are getting more difficult.

There is no unpleasant results of the sort that spoilt the Cox party before Christmas, but in many ways it is more serious. Profits from underwriting, according to Euclidian, will be between 5 and 7.5 per cent this year, down from 13 per cent.

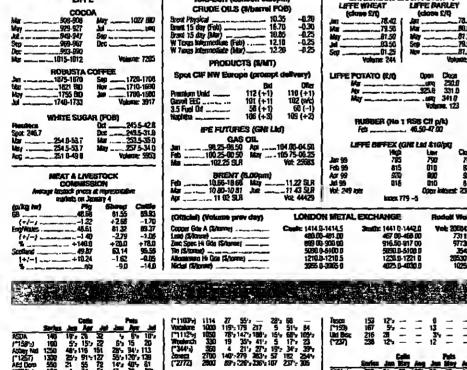
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In turn the worsening underwriting position could un-dermine Euclidian and other integrated Lloyd's vehicles. The shares are sensibly valued by adding the net asset value to a multiple of underwriting earnings. This multi-ple will be low, because of the almost inevitable irregularity. of that income. Euclidian's net assets - the assets used to back insurance risks - are 116p a share. Underwriting earnings per share are about. 20p a share. But the Euclidian stock share fell yesterday

from 121%p to 119%p. Insurance companies always look like investment trusts with a potentially expensive hobby — insurance underwriting. But valued on are cheap, so long as it makes an underwriting profit. Buy.



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Back to the Sixties but not swinging yet

conomic commentators are beginning to talk in quite dramatic terms about inflation and therefore interest rates. For many, Britain is well along a path that leads back to the low and stable inflation of the 1960s. Britain may not quite reach European interest rates of 3 per cent but could get pretty close - and that is whether the UK decides to join the

single currency or not.
Michael Saunders, of Salomon Smith Barney, puts a pretty com-pelling case for headline inflation to drop to close to zero this year to its lowest level since 1960. Underlying inflation, he believes, will fall to about 1.5 per cent late this year so long as oil prices do not recover. This would be the lowest underlying rate since 1967. This, he argues, means that base rates will fall to 5 per cent in the middle of this year and below 5 per cent in late 1999 or early 2000.

If British businesses and wage hargainers begin to believe that low inflation is a permanent or semi-permanent feature of the landscape, base rates could fall to

4 per cent early in the new millennium. His forecasts do not rely on any assumption that monetary policy will be geared to providing sterling with a smooth glide path down to the euro some time after the next election but purely on a reading of economic trends. The main forces working in favour of low inflation. include a sharp economic slowdown already under way that has left business with large piles of un-

weak commodity prices. It might be added that the global growth outlook may look much worse than it does now if the American economy turns turtle. A new report by Bill Martin, of Phillips & Drew, and Professor Wynne God-ley, of Cambridge University, argues that, in order to continue grow-ing steadily, private spending

would have to exceed income by the

sold stock and therefore presages

deep discounting, as well as very

of gross domestic product, double the level of last year and considerably larger than the 6 per cent reached in the Lawson boom which led to damaging bust. Debt would escalare to 2.4 times US annual income. Wall Street would have to inflate even further and the current account deficit would double. All of this is clearly unsustainable and the moment that America stops being the world's spender of last resort could be a devastating one.

The authors write: "Looking through the looking glass at America's wonderland, we conclude that should the stock market stop, it would instead fall over. A spiral, once virtuous, would become exceedingly vicious, bringing down the entire house of cards. We cannot time this pattern of events but we are convinced of its inevitability." The cumulative cost to the



world economy by 2003 in terms of lost growth could be in the order of per cent of global GDP.

This study believes that Britain and Europe would be least badly affected by such events but, nevertheless, in an era of evidently low inflation, it does provide a strong intuitive reason for central bankers to err on the side of growth. In the minutes of the December MPC meeting, it became evident

in a long passage on the subject

discuss a so-called neutral interest rate designed neither to stimulate nor restrain the economy. Opinion was clearly divided (not

least on whether the neutral rate is a usual concept for policymaking) on where the neutral rate lies. Unhelpfully for those of us trying to predict where base rates will end up, the variety of MPC opinion put the neutral rate at anywhere between 4.5 per cent and 6.5 per cent. However, there is a camp on the

MPC that believes not only that the neutral rate is significantly below the 6.75 per cent base rate that prevailed before December's halfpoint cut but also that base rates should currently be set below that neutral rate.

David Mackie, of JP Morgan, who has, beyond the call of duty, looked at the evidence of the past 170 years, concludes that a neutral

that the committee has begun to rate for Britain would be about 4.5 per cent. All of this suggests that there is scope for UK base rates to fall to levels not seen for a generation. It does not, however, make a cast iron case for a cut tomorrow.

> Among the arguments for waiting a month are uncertainty about how the January sales have gone; some evidence that the recent decline in sterling is arresting the drop in exports: a concern not to be the odd man out in cutting rates when the Fed and the European Central Bank are on hold and nervousness about another cut undermining sterling in the potentially volatile first weeks of trading in the euro. When in doubt, the MPC has sometimes waited to go through the full analytical process involved in publishing its quarterly Inflation Report before coming to a decision on rates - and the next report is in February.

ments for moving now. If there is general agreement on the MPC that rates have not bottomed, what is the sense of waiting, particularly as even Eddie George appears to have bought into the Goodhart/ Buiter school of activism. Inflation is low and falling and the MPC has made it clear that it will be as assiduous in avoiding an undershoot of the inflation target as an overshoot. In addition, since its last Inflation Report, independent forecasts for both growth and inflation have been scaled back.

Whatever the outcome this week, it is evident that the MPC is not blind to the possibility of inflation and interest rates at 1960s levels and that the influx of academic outsiders has brought new dimensions, a more active consideracion of different economic concepts and varied instinctual approaches to the process of rate setting. This in-tellectual flux is fascinating but, together with a dramatic change in global economic trends from the 1970s and 1980s, it makes monthly rate decisions far harder to call.

Oil-rich Nigeria battles to emerge from its crumbling economy

Brian Wilson explains why

democracy in 'new' country

Britain must encourage

he enigma of Nigeria is summed up in the queues, hundreds of yards long, for petrol at every filling station in Lagos d Abuja. Here is a country, easily capable of producing two million barrels of oil a day, which cannot supply itsown people with enough fuel

to keep their cars running.

There are plenty of explanations. The oil refineries are clapped-out and desperately to need of investment. Civil strife in the Delta area is significantly undermining oil production. But more fundamentally, this is a rich country that has been robbed and mismanaged for so long that the cupboard is finally just about bare.
So why lead a trade mission

now, when perceptions of the There is no doubt that Niger-Recria as an economic basket is a wants to strengthen economicase remain strong? The ancie links with Britain (although swer lies in the fact that politic ... even now it is an export market : happening. As yet the outcome is uncertain. But there is a real, unmistakable determination to make it work and if that can be achieved, then economic transformation might not be

far behind. We should know within months whether the transition to democratic government has been successful. In February, there will be elections both for a national assembly and to choose a president. You can never be certain in Nigeria, but the indications are that . Ese will go ahead and a new administration will be in place

The transitional Government is led by General Abubakar who has no intention of standing for the presidency— a useful starting point in any such process. Abubakar has assembled an impressive team of ministers who are at pains to make it clear that they are on very short-term contracts. Their job is to hand over as stable a society and as secure an economy as possible to their

These objectives mean that merely marking time until tay is not an option. The ap-

Abacha, both brutal and spectacularly corrupt, ended last June with the death of its leader. He left behind a crumbling economy and widespread civil strife in the neglected areas from where the oil wealth flows. Britain distanced itself. from Nigeria after the execution of Ken Sara-Wiwa, which also led to Nigeria's suspension from the Commonwealth.

Abubakar's commitment to human rights and to handover quickly to a civilian government has opened the door to improved; diplomatic and commercial relations. My own visit was a direct followthrough from the successful encounter between Abubakar and Tony Blair in London last September:

year): There is a very direct cor-relation in the minds of many senior figures - often British educated - between happier days for the country and the residue of British influence. This was perhaps at its

strongest when we met Alhaji Alfa Wali, the impressive Agriculture Minister, and his team. They need investment both to modernise small farming, which sustains more than three quarters of the population, and also to develop much larger units of commercial production. They attribute halcy-on days in the not-so-distant past, when Nigeria was a net exporter of food, to the legacy of British agriculturists and the 18 research institutes they left behind. All of them are

now defunct. In this, and other key sectors of the economy, there is plenty of interest among British companies, both in trading with and investing in the "new" Nigeria. But there are many obstacles of both substance and perception to be

Ministers in the transitional Government know that there are hard decisions that need to be taken quickly if interest and



Tony Blair welcomes General Abubakar to Downing Street during his visit last September

goodwill are to be capitalised upon. And they have shown themselves willing to grasp the nettle. When I met Alhaji Usman, the Minister of Finance, he gave a clear under-taking that the dual exchange rate - a blatant scam that offers a huge competitive advantage to those who are in a position to exploit naira-dollar conversion - would be abolished.

This was an act of courage as

Now that has happened. rian Government was seen to

On the other hand, many issues still need to be addressed. There is the uncomfortable fact that Transparency International, the research group, has consistently placed Nigeria at the bottom of its Corruption Perceptions index. It would go a long way towards encouraging investor confidence if the Nige-

take a definite stance to pro-

it threatened the vested interests of powerful individuals. mote transparency and discourage corruption. courage corruption. The UK's Export Credit Guarantee Department has had its fingers burnt, over the past 20 years it has extended more than £3 billion, and there must be some indication of how inroads will be made into that debt. But the Nigerians are well aware of these difficulties and appear deter-

mined to address them quickly

- not least in order to get

out of the way before the elected government takes over.

Another of these hard decisions is whether to press ahead with a privatisation programme in advance of the presidential elections. This is the signal that many foreign investors are waiting for and transi-tional ministers insist that it will happen. It is less an ideological matter than a necessary prerequisite to securing investment that Nigeria's utilities and infrastructure so desperately need. Oil refineries, power supply and telecommunications could soon be open to offers.

Perhaps the most menacine of all Nigeria's problems is the lawlessness that has grown up as a reaction to the previous Governments' failure to commil an equitable proportion of the oil revenues to the communities who live where the stuff is produced. The oil companies are looking to the Government to maintain the rule of law. But it is unlikely that this will have any long-term effect unless there is clear evidence that the commitment, to spend 13 per cent of oil revenues in the production areas, is fulfilled.

n top of all the other problems that they face, the transitional Government is trying to put together a budget that is based on an oil price of \$10 per barrel. That certainly means, even on the most favourable prognosis, that there is going to be no early return to the prosperity of the 1970s for the Nigerian economy as a

Yet there are plenty of British companies that have con-tinued to trade successfully and profitably. The sheer vasi-ness of the market, more than 100 million people, allied to the clear potential for economic success if only the political horror stories can be avoided. mean that Nigeria is a country that cannot be ignored.

The next few months are

likely to tell us a lot about whether a democratic future really does exist and, if so, what it amounts to. It is a process we must encourage.

☐ The author is the Minister for Trade. He led a delegation, including representa-tives from Shell, SmithKline Beecham and Standard Chartered, to Nigeria in December.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Pound is being made a scapegoat for the misfortunes of pig-farmer

From Mr Gerry Hanson Sir, it really won't do for Fras-er Nelson to blame the misfortunes of pig-farmer Donald Ross on the so-called strength of the pound (The euro and me, December 24). The mar-ket price of pigs has nothing to do with the exchange rate, and everything to do with the EU policy of encouraging rearing of pigs to over-supply, plus the fact that most EU countries have much lower, and there-fore cheaper, standards of animal welfare than we have. Mr Ross may be guilty of failing to research the market before switching from cereal production, or just unfortunate in timing, but he cannot legitimately blame the pound.

The pound is not strong. Would that it were — there are great benefits in a strong currency: lower food, raw material, packaging and freight costs, and potential for lower fuel costs if our greedy Government stopped exploiong the benefit by constantly raising fuel tax. Twenty-live years ago when we entered the EEC, we had a small trade surplus with other EEC members; now we have an annual deficit with our EU partners in excess of £8 billion. Then, for a German to buy a pound's worth of British goods, he had to withdraw from his bank DM8.25; now, he need take out only DM2.80. Is that strong? Anyway, can anyone name a single Western country that prospered for long with a weak currency? Yours faithfully, GERRY HANSON,

Potters Lodge, 74A Slough Road, Buckinghamshire, SL20 0DY.

Interest swings and tax roundabouts

From Mr A. D. Gatling Sir, Janet Bush, in her Interesting piece on interest rates (January 5) points out that the dif-ference between our rates and those of euroland is unlikely to be maintained. More durable, however, is likely to be the dif-

ference in tax rates.

At an overall 35 per cent here, compared with an avernent, we would lose 15 per cent of after-tax income if we were forced to "harmonise" our tax

porary saving on mortgages is small beer. Indeed, one wonders whether this may be the chief attrac-

rates, against which any tem-

tion of EMU to Mr Blair. Once signed up, he would then be able to renege on his election promise not to raise taxes by claiming force majeure. Yours faithfully. White Lodge, Berwick St James,

Background to Berisford pay

From the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee, Berisford Sir, City Diary (December 17) wrongly suggested that Beris-ford's chief executive enjoyed a big pay increase last year desp-

ite à fall in the group's profits.

In 1998, profits before tax
and exceptionals — the best
guide to performance — rose
36 per cent and earnings per share 30 per cent, although a £24.9 million exceptional profit on the repurchase of loan stock in the previous year did have the effect that profits at

the pre-tax level were down 17

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per cent year-on-year. Your report of November's results dealt with this correctly. In the past four years, underlying earnings per share have increased four-fold. Mr Bowkett's bonus was genuinely performance-related. Yours faithfully, PENNY HUGHES, Chairman, Remuneration Committee, Berisford plc,

London, WIM IAA.

Ship comes in

BOB GOODALL, co-ordinator at SOBS, the pressure group devoted to keeping our building societies, has had to part with a family heirloom to secure funds needed to disrupt the Halifax takeover of the Birmingham

Next week, Bonhams will auction a painting left to him by his late father, Sqn Ldr Bill Goodall. Ship entering * Thames estuary by the marine artist Norman Wilkinson is of ... anyway, it is expected to raise between



Caught out THE approach for AirTouch seems

spokesman.

to have caught Chris Gent; Vodafone chief executive, in the outlield. He is on holiday in Australia warrhing the cricket, because the company is the England team's sponsor.

£2,800 and £3,000. "My late father would have approved." he says.

ally paid the required deposit.".

rency officially sexless.

A DAFT linguistic debate over the euro in, of all places, Moscow, where the authorities have deemed the cur-

in European languages where they

have to decide one way or the other.

the euro is a bouncing boy - "un

euro", "der euro", etc. in Russian,

"yevro" should be neuter. But the lo-

cal media have had it swinging both

ways, either masculine or feminine.

So the central bank, sensing contro-

versy, has reverted to Stalinist ways.

"There is no official decision," said a

Goodall senior was public rela-

He has been there since December 26 and is expected back on Monday. Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth, Vo-



dafone's chairman, is head of the England and Wales Cricket Board, and Gent himself is apparently mad keen on the sport.

Vodafone concedes that it is not terribly convenient to have your chief executive on the other side of the world during what is potentially the company's higgest deal. However, "the mobile phone network works in Australia extremely well," I am told.

Death wish

THE annual Savoy Lecture on the hos-pitality industry is usually addressed by a bigwig hotelier or whatever. But this year Arena, the organisers have gone for the film-maker Michael Winner. Winner assures me he was the in- those at the FSA who have seen the dustry's own choice - "they're either commercial say the resemblance is masochistic or they have a sense of breathtaking. Look out for it.

humour." His poisonous views on restaurants are well known from his column in The Sunday Times. It is hard not to warm to someone who believes the British public are being ripped off every time they open a table napkin, and he intends to say so at the lecture

We're the most inhospitable people in the world," he tells me - appropriately, from the Caribbean. "The English are just mugs when it comes to accepting bad service and then furning about it afterwards."

BRITISH companies are so proud of sacking people that they announce the numbers years in advance and then add a few more when the time comes, just for completeness. Compa-nies in euroland have not quite caught up with this.

One has just announced 1,000 redundancies for 1999, including 564 jobs it was supposed to cut last year but did not quite get around to. Guess who? Credit Lyonnais, the French bank officially estimated to have cost taxpayers FrI50 billion. or as near as dammit £15 billion.

Free Whelan

MY PICTURE is of Charlie Whelan, spin-doctor turned ice-cream salesman, in the new publicity campaign by the Financial Services Authority on pensions mis-selling. Seriously.

Incidentally, I hear there is serious talk of introducing a pensions misselling storyline into EastEnders, the demotic soap opera, in the same way that The Archers occasionally lectures us on warble-fly. However, a colleague points out that it is unlikely any of the cast declare enough income to fund a personal pension.

In fact, the real reason the story will never appear is more fundamental. Any member of the EastEnders cast mis-sold a pension is more likely to solve the problem by taking a sawn-off shotgun to the head office of the firm responsible than by writing a letter to the FSA.

MARTIN WALLER



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A date with the end of the world

FILM: This year movie-makers are jumping on the millennium

rom the predictions of Nostradamus to the Y2K bug, millennial angst has struck deep. With more than 2,000 books published on the subject since the 1950s, uncertainty and insecurity appear to govern most of the thinking surrounding the millennium. And the malaise has started to infiltrate our cinemas.

Apart from Kathryn Bigelow's 1995 On the film Strange Days, which depicted anarchy on the streets cinema of Los Angeles on December 31, 1999, few film-makers screen, at have so far attempted to represent milleast, the lennial fears. But now a glut of films is on the way to guide—or frighten world is - us towards the doomed? millennium. And the world has never looked more un-

stable, on celluloid at least. First up is Darren Aronofsky's brash, low-budget debut n, a near-future piece of pro-phetic madness. Not strictly a millennium film, it nonetheless harnesses an impending sense of millennial paranola through its proragonist, the reclusive mathematician Max (Sean Gullette). Max is being pursued by Wall Street brokers and Hasidic Jews, both convinced that the numerical code he has uncovered can unlock the stock market and Kab-

balah texts respectively. Aronofsky, who does not subscribe to an end-of-theworld hysteria, envisages the end of the century as a surrealistic distortion, inspired by his childhood. "No matter how nuke New York City in 1999.

> the millennium." While x can also be read as a universal expression of our fears of technology, other films have used the millennium as a reference point for examining contempo-rary culture at the

films devoted to the millermium. With each film co-funded by the French company ARTE, the collection was initiated by the producers Caroline Benjo and Carole Scotta, the latter responsible for the Flemish filmmaker Alain Berliner's 1997 debut Ma Vie en Rose, Berliner is one of the directors called on to meditate on the impending

political boundaries. Benjo sees the body of work as a shared set of visions. With films representing five continents, including Abderrahmane Sissako's examinadon of exile in Africa (Life on Earth), the collective view-

cal realist examination of Bel-

gium's cultural, linguistic and

bandwagon, says James Mottram much we laugh at the apocalypse and millennial fever, I think some of us have nightmares about it," he says. "As a kid I saw Orson Welles's documentary about Nostradamus. It was about how this mad guy from the Middle East would So growing up there I was always terrified of

> end of the 20th century. 2000 Seen By is an international anthology of ten-

> > point appears to be pessimistic reflection. The millennium doesn't mean anything any more," argues Benjo, who part-ly initiated the project as a response to the growing delirium surrounding the date.
> > "My life isn't going to change in 2000, and everybody knows that. I think we're all going to one thing and the end of another. It's time for you to say Well, this is what I think we did with ourselves, our lives, our culture'. If you see it under this light, each film says something of what it means to fin-

ish the 20th century."
Other culturally specific films in 2000 Seen By bear this

out. Indie king Hal Hardey's the Jevil in New York City.

The Book of Life, is a controversial retelling of the Book of Revelation, with an ironic side swipe at Big Apple life. Tsai Ming-Liang's examination of personal and political insecurity. The Hole, is an environthe accelerated decay of his country, Taiwan.

Midnight, the Brazilian Walter Salles's follow-up to his forthcoming. Central Station. depicts the coming together of a murderer and a potential suicide case. As Salles points out, it reflects upon the limitations of his own country, a place

"that has declined into decadence without ever having peaked".

he most prominent film in 2000 Seen By is the Canadian writer-director-actor Don McKeller's Last Night, an anocalyptic look at the lives of on the eve of world destruction. First shown at the Cannes Film Festival when Armageddon and Deep Impact were similarly predicting glo-bal meltdown, McKeller's film is less sensationalist.

"I thought of the practical implications of the event," says McKeller, whose film de-

picts people performing lastchance acts - from bizarre sex to reliving family yuletides gone by. It's one thing to think, Td fly to Paris and climb the Eiffel Tower. The chances are you wouldn't get that flight: not many pilots would be flying on their last day. I wanted to stick with peo-

tect themselves and decided to carry on regardless." Metaphysical or practical, independent directors appear unable to get past the notion that the world is facing its demise. As Benjo points out: "Each film-maker had difficulty going over the date. Very few of them talked about Janu-

ary I in the year 2000." Not so for Hollywood, which has fi-nally jumped on the millenni-al bandwagon. Written by the creators of The X-Files, The Mark is set to star Will Smith. saving the Earth once again as the planets align at the end of 2001 to rip us apart.

The British take on the mildebut with Panny and Elvis. A romantic comedy with Ray Winstone and Kerry Fox as a couple expecting their first baby as the millennium approaches, it offers a more homespun hope. Mellor, who created TV's Band of Gold, is more optmistic than most, pre-

ferring a down-to-earth look at somebody trying to go about their ordinary life on the night of the millennium.

Like Benjo, Mellor sees her

film as an opportunity to reflect on what has happened and will happen in the world around us, but without scaremongering. There's a lot of fear around. I can't imagine lor, who makes her directorial for one minute planes will drop out of the sky. We watch too much sci-fi. I can't imagine all these horrendous things are going to happen. We can put people on the Moon; surely we can deal with a few fig-

ures changing." • π opens on Friday



Bleak vision: Riot police are on the streets of Los Angeles on New Year's Eve 1999 in Kathryn Bigelow's 1995 Strange Days, one of the first films to deal with the new millerminum

In the lap of arthouse luxury

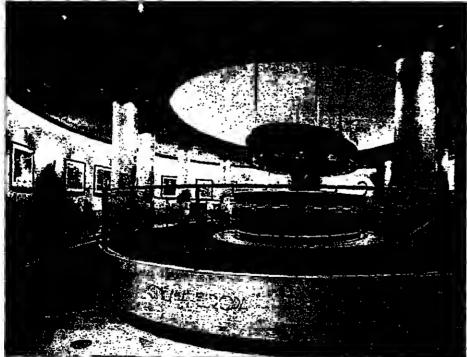
rthouse filmgoers have never been so popular. They are being brought in from the cold — not to mention the dingy, draughty and often smelly to the luxurious, to multiplexes with special auditoriums and programmes shaped to

Warner Village Cinemas is offering them theatres with large screens and digital sound, where their leather seats recline at the touch of a button, where popcorn and Coke give way to sushi and champagne brought to their in-dividual tables and individual ice buckets. Meanwhile, in partnership with City Screen. Mayfair Entertainment, owner of the Curzon cinemas, has gambled more than £2 million to eschew mainstream programming in its Shaftesbury Avenue cinema for a threescreen arthouse. The new Curzon Soho is

open from 8am, providing the kind of comfortable, clubby feel that the National Film Theatre had in mind for its proposed West End presence before it had to drop its plans. ing coffee, beer, sandwiches, magazines and gossip, a base-ment bistro-style café which doubles as an art gallery, and programming on three screens that covers the arthouse spectrum from nostalgia (such as Capre's It's a Wonderful Life, in the current programme) to cuit (like Imamura's The Eel).

Thanks to multiplexes, the 52 million UK cinema admissions of 1984 have climbed to 130 million -- but without any serious analysis of who the filmgoers are or what they want. Now cinema owners are not only waking up to the fact that their audiences have grown up, they're realising that they are wealthier, too.

After years of neglect, discerning filmgoers are being wooed with soft seats and sushi, Simon Tait discovers



Melbourne's Jam Factory - "the most successful cinema in Australia" - sets the UK pattern

"People who go to arthouse films care about the environment in which they see their choice of movies, and there is a growth in older audiences." says Mayfair's chief execuove. Marc Vlessing. "But we can't afford to commit a single screen for specialist films, so we can open a new release in the bigger 249-seat auditorium and then move it to the smaller 130-seat or 110-seat one to give the film a proper season. We are serving a neighbourhood. Soho, and we intend to open more designed for the neighbourhoods they're in. A lot of people are coming here during

the day to meet people and have a drink without seeing a movie at all. There's an ageing audience in a younger market, and we're in danger of leaving them behind." Does it work? Officially, Curzon says it's 100 early to tell other than that there's been a "transformation" in ticket sales since they opened early in October, but insiders say they're selling as many tickets in a day as they were in a week.

Warner Village, the new kid on the high street, now has 22 multiplexes in Britain and will more than double that in three years. Among the develop-

ments it is about to announce is a 16-screen muloplex for Nottingham, on the site of the old Evening Post. Two of the auditoriums will be Europa Screens, dedicated to what Warner Village - a partnership for the UK between Warner Brothers and the Australian Viliage Roadshow - prefers to call non-mainstream rather than arthouse, with a bar slanted at the filmgoer devoted to subtitles. Two will be VIP Screens, the offspring of a highly successful Australian gamble. A year ago, three

weeks before the new Village

Roadshow multiplex was the

tory in Melbourne's trendy Chapple Street, the company suddenly concluded that i was ignoring an older and richer audience and decided on a complete change of tack. In the parlance of our airlinewise culture, instead of consigning all its customers to tourist class, why not upgrade a significant element to business class? So in four of the 16 auditoriums, two-thirds of the seats were torn out and recliners put in with table service and all the trimmings, plus free popcorn if required. Tickets cost \$25 compared with \$11 for the other screens.

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me year later its project manager. Simon Jeffries, is in Britain as Village's European projects manager. The Jam Factory was instantly full and is the most successful cinema in Australia." he says. The Nottingham follow-up for 2000 is the first of many planned "be-spoke" developments, tailored for their communides: Birmingham is to get a 30-screen Star City, also in 2000; in 2003 Battersea Power Station gets 25 screens and 8,000 seats: even medieval Worcester is to get a six-screen version.

"We're offering more bang for your buck, catering for an audience that is eash-rich and time-poor," Jeffries says. "It's not about elitism, it's about as-piration. People will pay more for the extra service in the VIP auditorium where the fuss of getting food and drink is sorted for them, and we also believe that you should be able to watch foreign-language or non-mainstream movies in a dassy. European ambience. Multiplexes were becoming production lines for feeding teenagers action movies, but there is another dimension to

Clunk that clicks

THEATRE

ong at Twilight is far from Coward's best play. As I observed Corin Redgrave in Sisyphuslike combat with some of the most lapidary dialogue the Master ever wrote, I found myself wondering if it is even par-ticularly good. But it has a special importance because it is. the piece in which, emboldened by the spirit of the mid-1960s, the ageing Coward directly confronted the great unpublicised truth of his life, in the person of Sir Hugo Latymer, dramatist and novelist, he wrote directly about the predicament of the homosexual for whom fame and fortune mattered more, much more than emotional candour. But note that word, "predica-

ment". Latymer is not a selfportrait, nor is Song quite the confessional play some hold it to be. I don't know why Sheridan Morley, who is Cow ard's biographer as well as di-rector of the highly competent staging at the King's Head, says in the programme he has "never quite believed" the author's claim that he based the play on Somerset Maugham. Latymer lacks Coward's grace. kindness and wit, and has spent his life flaunting a spurious heterosexuality, not least by making the sort of loveless marriage that would have morally disgusted Coward. That suggests Maugham, Maugham and Maugham again:



Nyree Dawn Porter does her best to fizz as Coward's Carlotta

Yet Maugham's predicament was also that of Coward. Ranigan, and several other writers impelled by prejudice and a nannying censor to translate homosexual into heterosexual experience. It is a truism that The Deep Blue Sea and Private Lives fall into precisely that category. So if an actress called Carlotta Gray had arrived in his hotel suite, announcing her intention to hand some compromising letters to an American academic with biography on his mind. Coward would not have been vastly more enchanted than Latymer or Maughain. To that extent Song at Twilight

lets light into his secret places. But it is a pretty clunky piece. Even when Nyree Dawn Porters sharp-witted Carlona is exasperating Hugo with old memories, importunate requests and cutting accursations, the language refuses to fizz as it would have banged and fizzed in Coward's 1920s or 1930s. And would even Maugham at his most pomp-

ous have answered an innocent remark about feeling the threat of rain in one's bones with "that particular form of 5 prescience is rheumatic rather than clairvoyant"? Given so few opportunities for humous, Redgrave falls back on a lumbering superciliousness, and propresses mainly when fear and pain touch his half-ossi-

fied heart. . Nevertheless those moments, plus a touching profession of understanding loyalty and grief from Kika Markham as Hugo's much-misused wife, do give the play some of the eloquence Coward wanted Yes. Latymer's sexual libs have cost him and others a lot. But, yes, he is right to protest that "even when the actual law" [against homosexual acts] ceases to exist there will still be a stigma attached to the love that dare not speak its name in the minds of millions li

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generations to come".

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Count's lady sings the blues

he story goes that Car-men Bradford brought herself to the attention of her most celebrated employer, Count Basie, and suggested that he would be missing out if he didn't hire her to sing with his early-1980s orchestra. Her chutzpan paid off she stayed nine years with the band, with naic years with the batter, with naing two Grammies along the way, and subsequently launched herself on a sold ca-reer so successful that Holly-wood has reportedly taken out

an option on her life story. It was thus a little surprising to hear her confess to being nervous about her first appearance at Rormie Scott's, particularly since she treats her audience with the formida-ble combination of strident hectoring and intimate teasing patenged by the likes of her countywomen Oprah Win-frey and Rikki Lake. Such nerves were in any

case horoughly banished by the time Bradford had romped through her opening number. Then There Eyes. Hers is a noonsense, aftention-grabbing voice well suited to familiar up-tempo belters such as this, and with a near yet assertive trio - pianist John Rangel. bassist Orlando Le Fleming, drummer Mark Fletcher providing solid propulsion, she was quickly into her consideiable stride.

A strong but soutful visit to Maybe September was person-alised by being preceded by the assertion that Bradford's mother — also a singer — mad her do her chores to it, a skilfully scatted version of Mr Paganini sparked off a string deprecatory anecdotes

about the number of people including her father, the trum-peter Bohby Bradford — who had warned her not to tread on ground hallowed by Ella. it is ballad material,

though, that provides a sing-er's acid test. Bradford's controlled glide through the melancholy end of relationship lament. Where Do You Start?, while not quite reaching the emotional depths explored in Shirley Horn's version, nevertheless provided a highly effective contraint to such greasy.

R&B-laced fare as h Ain't No

Use, and her quietly contemplative Young and Foolish

brought out all the song's mellow nostalgia without undue sentimentality.

Bradford's forte, however unsurprisingly, given the Ba-sie outiles legendary apritude in the form — is the blues. Her closing number, a loose, raunchy celebration of the medium, consequently enabled her to showcase all her considerable talents: her voice swooped and soured; brightly inventive scatted sections justled appealingly with vigorous emotional outbursts and sudden ejaculations. By, the time she had brought the number to an end with a powerful "That's all", Bradford had achieved her aim: an exuberant crowd had been audibly uplified.

CHRIS PARKER



Soon, on a worldwide stage near you: Big Bad Voodoo Daddy will have an audience of hundreds of millions when they entertain football fans at America's Super Bowl later this month

What daddy-o did in the war

n the floor of New York's Hammerstein Ballroom 2001 suits and flared skirts the founder member of Backbeat, a percession quarter which has abound. Dances such as built up a strong reputation over the lindy hop and the julier bug, scarcethe past bree years. You can hear ly seen in half a century, are being ex-ecuted: with immaculate precision them at the Purcell Room on February 2, or on their self-titled CD. and flamboyant skill. On stage the

What's unusual about Back-beat's rhylim method? Instead of just standing behind drums; mar-imbas and music stands; Rebello and her three male colleagues roam the tage; sing, and use bas-ketballs and their own bodies as instruments. "I wanted to make percussion more theatrical."

Baskethals? "The lads are into basketball and play in rehearsal" breaks. We wondered if we could incorporate the game into our concerts and quartet member Damien Harron created Rebounds, is which two of us drum and the others pick up the rhythm by bouncing basketballs on the stage."

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

SIMONE REBELLO

Repertoir: "There's a lack of good quartet percussion music, so we write a lot ourselves. We also play work by people like John" Cage and Steve Reich."

Base druns: She first picked up sticks as a schoolgirl in Croy-don. There was a very strong woodwind tradition and I dutifully signed up for the flute. But after a year on the waiting list. I thought Tris is never going to happen and went along to percussion with ! friend."

Printion: Sie won two percussion prizes at the Royal Northern College, is Manchester. "My tutors — Graham Johns, Ian Wright and Dave Hassall —were very inthiential. Seven years after graduating, if I'm in a fix I still go to them."

Why does her Portuguese surname sound familiar? She is a first cousin of the acclaimed jazz pianist Jason Rebello. z pianist Jason Rebello.

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millions of television viewers around the world, when they perform at American football's Super Bowl.

In Britain, too, swing is tipped to be the next big thing. Although there The Backcat motto? There's nothing we wouldn't do in a con-

POP: Stand by your zoot suits, the big bands are back — and jumping. **Nigel Williamson** on the Forties sound that's hot in the Nineties has been little chart action to match America yet, clubs with names like

spective for a long time. People are tired of that and want something

more exuberant."

Zoot Suit Riot are opening every-Brian Setzer Orchestra, with its where and there are now an estimat-13-piece brass section, all of them ed 40 dance nights a week around dressed in green suits behind match-Britain, offering oot only the best in swing music, but classes in the accoming orchestra desks, is blaring out a mixture of swing, jump and five as if Cab Calloway and Louis Jordan had panying dance steps. There is a grow-ing number of British swing bands. too, led by the Big Six from London, never gone away. At the bar the only drink to be seen sipping is a fruit-fla-youred martini complete with umwho have just signed a major deal with Mercury Records. brella. It may be 1999 but it seems "It's a reaction to years of grunge," that swing is the thing once again. says Jason Moss of Cherry Poppin

In an improbable pre-millennium trend, the big band craze is currently sweeping America, as a new genera-tion discovers the excitement of a sound that was last in vogue at the end of the Second World War. Bands such as the Brian Setzer Orchestra, the Squirrel Nut Zippers and the Cherry Poppin' Daddies have sold millions of records in America over the past year. Last month Rolling Stone, still America's rock'n roll bible, devoted a ten-page special to the swing revival. Later this month, another swing band, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, will be seen by hundreds of

people dancing in the aisles before it became polished and clean and tame. What we do is wild and swinging For-ties music with a Nineties twist."

with people dancing

in the aisles?

Swing was like punk rock, the early primitive stuff, that Daddies from Oregon, who have sold a million albums in America and big band mambo made a big impact on their first visit to Britain last year. "The prevailing sound has been very dark and intro-

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy were per-haps the first to draw attention to the swing revival when they appeared in copy what they did 50 years ago it's not going to be bad, but it is doing it Jon Favreau's 1996 hit movie, Swingjust the same," says Setzer who, as ers. "We're coming from a jump the former leader of rockabilly revivsound, from people like Louis Armalists the Stray Cats already had a reputation as an inventive musical arstrong, who played music that was more raw, more rocking than tradichaeologist. "To make the music viational swing," says singer and guitar-ist Scotty Moore. "I've never thought ble you have to make it new and you have to make it your own. That's why of our music as retro. Swing was originally like punk rock, the early primithe Stray Cats were successful in the Eighties. Other rockabilly bands tive stuff, that big band mambo with were stuck in 1956. We gave it a new

lick of paint then and that's what we are doing now."

Like the Cherry Poppin' Daddies,

Setzer's album, The Dirty Boogie, All are agreed that the swing revivwent Top Ten in America. The sound al has no future if it just sets out to is loaded with brass but is dirtier and replicate the sound of the past. "If you funkier than the smooth mellifluousness of a Glenn Miller or Benny and rock n'roll all put in that big band thing," Setzer says. "Everyone said: "What are you doing taking big band music from the Forties and adding electric guitar?' They said it would never work. Now it's rolling-It's got style, a great vibe and great

dances. It's on fire."

etzer, who has also played on albums with Bob Dylan, Robert Plant and Ricki Lee Jones. put the orchestra together in 1993. "They were basically jazz musicians and I couldn't explain how to rock to them so it was initially hard." he says. "But we went on the road for a 50-city North American tour and they soon learnt. It hasn't been easy from a business standpoint. The cost of touring with such a large band is enormous and at first there was no radio airplay or music video exposure. We built it up on word of mouth. Once people saw us they would talk about us and that's how it eventually

took off." The orchestra is due in Brit-Most of the new generation of

swing musicians are not teenage hopefuls but thirtysomethings disillusioned with the banality of much modern rock music. Steve Perry, 34. of the Cherry Poppin' Daddies, says: "Swing bands are the antithesis of all those tired rock clichés. It's less tortured. There is no reason why swing can't be a viable modern music. Does it all have to be angst? When Count the band was all brassy, it felt like a warm day and everything was going to be all right. What's wrong with that? Swing is probably addressing some kind of need in people right

Robert Austin, Britain's leading promoter of swing and a former dance champion himself, agrees. His club nights attract huge crowds, many of them dressed in full Forties costume. "When the Cherry Poppin" Daddies came to play in London I thought it was the best thing I had seen since the Jam in 1979," he says. "Swing in Britain is really exciting. We've seen what has happened in America and I'm sure exactly the same is going to happen here. It's a wave and you can either ride it or get very wet." .

● The Dirty Boogie by the Brian Setzer Or-chestra and Zool Suit Riot by Cherry Poppin Daddies are both released by Univer-sal Records. Big Bad Voodoo Daddy's al-bum will be released in the spring

VISUAL ART: In Venice, John Russell Taylor stands stunned by the contradictory wisdom of the Ancients

A masterclass from the Mayas

magne a civilisation so sophsticated that it could still five us pointers on the measurement of time and the movement of heavenly bodies, and yt one whose technology did not include the wheel, and whoe graphic art knew nothing if perspective. Add the fact that all its remains of fer no unquivocal evidence of humour, and seem to exclude completel the gentler feelings of love and tenderness. Something on another planet, may-be? Certailly that is where one often feelsoneself to be in the huge and glorious Maya show, the latest of a series which has already filled Fiat's
venice ar flagship, the Palazzo Grassi with the Cells, the Phoenicians and the Greeks.

But if one feels strange, one never feel alienated. No belief in interention from outer space is required to fit the Maya mo the human race. It is just not quite the human race as we Indo-Europeans know it is a measure of the civilisatio's philosophical sophistication that it could com-prehend and reconcile opposites without the slightest difficulty, while in Europe generaoons of philosophers struggled in van, and struggle still. This may be the reason that for every ategorical assertion

about the Maya and what they did and did not do, did and did not know, there is always at least one glaring exception.

We say they did not know the wheel, and for themselves they did not But their children's toys often ran on

Throughout

the show the shock of strangeness and of recognition recurs?

wheels. We say that they never discovered perspective, and yet there is one obvious instance in a ceiling painting from Bonampik meticulously reconstructed for this show. where on one side a wounded warrior sprawls up a flight of stairs with quite Mannerist abandon, in full perspective some seven centuries before the Spanish conquest. It is almost as though they knew everything, but just chose not to bother with some. Even humour and tenderness may per-

only tender moment is in a small ceramic where a young woman delicately touches the face of a very old man, and we can only guess at humorous intent in some of the more gro-

A large archaeological show like this should preferably sat-isfy both the specialist and the general public. For the experts in matters Mayan I have spoken to, the first criterion is well met they are all ecstatic about the depth of the curators' researches, the astonishing way that if some tiny provincial museum in Mexico has just one outstanding piece, it has been tracked down and borrowed. At worst there are some quibbles about interpretation.

As far as the wider public is concerned, there can be no doubt whatever. If before entering you knew of the Maya only that they lived in Mexico before the conquest, you could rely on coming out with a clear insight into the history and a vivid feel for the nature of this remote and mysterious culture. Better still, you would have had an unforgentable aesthetic experience.....

From that point of view, Maya is probably the best of the Palazzo Grassi's archaeological blockbusters. It might



A ceramic showing an anthropomorphic figure emerging from a flower, found at Jaina Island, Campeche, Mexico

predecessors that they were fascinating in a Brain-of-Britain kind of way, but great art was a little thin on the ground. Here, on the other hand, the simple, monumental design of Agata Toricella Crespi and her

fairly be said of some of its team is perfectly calculated to show off the works included as things worth looking at in

> historical argument. And what wonders it offers the eye. Should one arrive by

themselves, rather than as

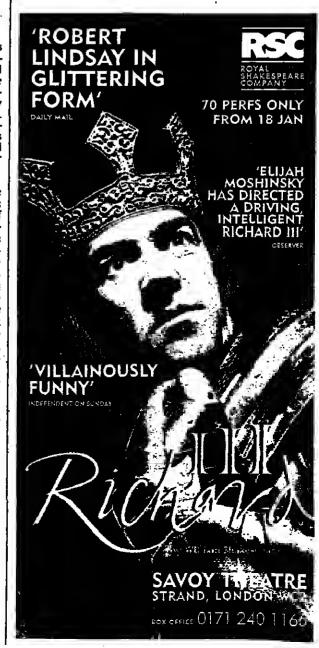
mere stages in a continuing

water, the first thing one sees is the Chac Mool reclining figure in stone which so inspired Henry Moore that it set off the great series of reclining figures which were to preoccupy him for the next half a century. Whatever else, it serves to remind us that nothing in art is so remote that it cannot feed something of itself into our own aesthetic mindset.

hroughout the show the shock of strangeness and simultaneously of recognition recurs. The grander temple sculptures of gods and priests still seem decidedly sinister, but at the same time stagger us with their total-ly confident grasp of contained yet dynamic form. From the largest stone sculpture to the smallest ceramic, one cannot but be impressed with the Mayan sense of proportion, their ability to combine obsessively intricate detail with a daringly simple grasp of the whole to which the detail must ultimately be subordinated.

The show's other big surprise is the richness and variety of the colours in Mayan life and art. Most of even the largest carvings seem to have been brilliantly painted, while the pictures on plates and vessels, the reconstructed murals and the illuminations in manuscripts (represented by photographs, since the originals are too delicate to travel) all testify to the abounding life which surrounded and contained the Mayan obsession with death - very much as it does in modern Mexico.

 Maya, Palazzo Grassi, San Samuelc. Venice (0039041 522 9875)



Young talents showcased

RECOMMENDED TODAY

Guide to arts and entertainment complied by Mark Hargle

LONDON

THE LIFE OF EDWARD II OF THE LIFE OF EDWARD II OF ENGLAND: Andrew Visnevski directs the Cherula Theather Company in Berroit Brecht's rarely seen first exic play Billed as a harolc tragedly it charts the corrupting influence of power white crawing on cabaret, failiground entertamment and street ballads. Riverside Studies, W6 (0181-237 1111). Opens tonight, 7,30pm. (§)

PLE YOUNG ARTISTS: The first of tonight's two concerts by gifted young musicians teatures the pionist Stephen Le Piedge (Bpm). At 7.30pm Ruth Darby, Marie King and Alon Goldstein play more contemporary tunes by such household names a Ben-Zion Orgad and Graham Hair. Purcell Room (0171-980 4242).

KONTRABANDE: This recently KONTHABANDE: This recently tormed ensemble of countertenor, oboe, the strings and leayboards states as alon as shedding fresh light on the music of the 17th and 18th centuries. On the evening's menu and works by Bach, Vivaldi and Handel. Wigmore Hall (0171-965 2141). Tonight, 7-30pm.

JEAN JONES: Opening date for an exhibition of vibrant paintings from the studio of the realist Oxford artist. The show runs in tandem with the tase sale of Lucy Carrington

INGHAM: The charlsmatic Yan



Yan Pascal Tortelier

SIFFATFORD-UPON-AVON: Antony Sher plays the jealous Leomas in Gregory Doran's production of The Winter's Tate. Estalla Kohler plays the canadious Paulina. Royal Shakespeare Theaths (01789)

NEW WEST END SHOWS

Jeremy Kingston's choice of theatre showing in Landon M Nouse tuli, returns only Q Some seets available Q Souts at all prices

French farce by Hennequin and Veber catching the low with its

Orange Tree (0181-940 3833). THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE The D'Oyly Carte Company brings Gilbert and Sullivan's joyful adventures with pirates, policemen and a modern major-general to the West End. Queens (0171-494 5041).

E CHICAGO: Maria Friedman in the oil of Kander and Ebb's musice

elphi (0171-344 0055). II DICK BARTON SPECIAL AGENT amous old radio thriller, brought to THE GOLEM; David Burt and Gaye Brown star in Sylvia Freedman

and Cathy Shostek's upliffing new musical about the man-made monster who runs amok. New End (0171-794 0022).

El JESUS MY BOY: Tom Conti in John Dowie's fituity amusing com giving Joseph's side of the story, Apollo (0171-494 5070).

SI PETER PAN: Justin Salinger in the title role, with David Troughton as Captain Hook, in naturn of Flora Laint's enjoyable production. Olivier (0171-452 3000), THE SNOWMAN: The much-loved Raymond Briggs characters soar in Bill Alexander's joyful production. Peacock (0171-863 8222).

☐ ARABIAN NIGHTS: Af Babe, Sir bad and lesser known tales adapted and cirected by Dominic Cooks. Young Vic (0171-928 6363). ☐ CINDERFILA: Neil Bartielt and the Shockheaded Peter team stage a sencesty wonderful version of Angels Carter's pento.

Lysic (0181-741 8701).

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FILMS ON GENERAL RELEASE

Geoff Brown's choice of the latest movies

NEW RELEASES THE ACIO HOUSE (18) Three darkly come tales of drugs, drink and halfuchation by Irvine Weish. An indigestible drislaught, With Stepher McCole, Ewen Bremner, and Kevin.

McCole, Ewen Bremner, and Kevr McCold Director, Paul McGuigan. SCCOM (18) A French bourgeois

STAR TREK: INSURRECTION (PG): Paints, Siewart's Enterprise Grew come to the rescue of a peaceable race who

have found the elver of youth Lightly Beable With Donna Murphy, F. Murr Abrahem, Director, Jonathan Frakes

CURRENT

ENEMY OF THE STATE (15): WI Emistry Or Inc. State (15): Not Smith's lawyer tumbles upon 8 political conspiracy. Exceting, test-paced thriller, with Gene Hackman and Jon Volght. Director, Tony Scott.

THE MIGHTY (PG): Endearing tale of two outcast children, one hulling, one crippled, who pool their resources, Peter Chelsom directs Sharon Stone, Eleran Culkin and Elden Henson.

WHAT DREAMS MAY COME (15): Robin Williams wedes through the affective bying to find his loved ones Technically dazzling, but sabotaged ecranically dazzang, but saboraged by a woolly script.

THE PRINCE OF REYPT (U): Splendid animation, but there's not much for Iddess in the biblical story of Moses leading the loraetiss to the promised land. Voice talents include BABE: PIG IN THE CTTY (U):

Everyone's favourite telking pig faces the torments of the hostile city. Grotesque, mieguided sequel to the hit tim, With Magda Szubanski. DANCING AT LUGHNASA (PG): DANCING AT DURINASA (PG): Compressed and perfunctiony version of Brian Priet's play about five spinetry sisters in 1930s Donegal. With Mary Streep, Catherine McCormack and Kathy Burke.

ON CONNAIT LA CHANSON (PG): Refined relationship comedy, with a marveticus cast and lip-synched snatches of popular songs. Alain Resnats directs Sabins Azéma, Pierre

RUSH HOUR (15): LA and Hong Kong cops join forces on a kidnap case. Routine fare, entirened by Asian legend Jackie Chan and motormouth comic Chas Tucker.

Maître with the light touch

Gerald Larner pays centenary

tribute to Francis Poulenc, the French composer without honour in France

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early 50 years ago Francis Poulenc declared that "if people are still interested in my music in 50 years' time it will be for my Stabat Mater rather than the Mouvements perpétuels". In fact, he is remembered today, on the eve of the centenary of his birth, for both sides of his creaove personality, both the fervent Catholic and the naughty boy, for both the Gloria and Les Biches. both Les Dialogues des Carmélites and Les Mamelles de Tirésias. Except.

that is, in France, where they would apparently prefer not to remember him at all. To the British. Poulenc is typically French, a kind of Maurice Chevalier of the op-

era house or the concert hall. That's why we like him and, the pianist Pascal Roge says, why the French do not. Rogé, who proba-

are found bly knows Pou-lene's music better than anyone, says in his that "French people don't like the image music? of themselves that Poulenc sends to

considered as Poulenc, "they see him as superficial while they want to be seen as serious. They want to be Brahms, and they are not made to be that." When Roge tried to get a Parisian promoter to put on a Poulenc centenary series, he was told: "Forget it. The hall would be half-empty."

So the most extensive Poulenc centenary celebrations will be in this country, beginning with a long sold-out concert in the Wigmore Hall tomorrow. At a safe distance from the riverside promenade at Nogent-sur-Marne where Poulenc imbibed so much popular music - and which, to the cultivated Parisian ear, is no less reverberant with bad taste now that the guinguettes have given way to Disneyland - we can innocently enjoy his tuneful reminiscences of Mistinguett, Chevalier and Charles Trenet, Remembering that, as he said, "from my childhood I have loved, without discrimination, the bal-musette and the suites of Couperin", we can also appreciate his stylistic inconsistencies — the disarming way in which he jostles Mozart with Satie, Bach with

Chabrier, Schubert with Piaf, all of them with Stravinsky. The problem with Poulenc. if there is one, is in reconciling the apparently much more basic split in his personality after 1936. That was when, after the death of a young colleague in a

horrific road accident, he

turned to the Black Virgin of Rocamadour for reassurance, becoming a composer of religious music but without aban-

doning his playboy side. Roge argues that "he remained the same, except that another side of himself was opened. It didn't split his per-sonality but made his versatility the more astonishing. You must accept him as a whole. If you take away either part, the serious or the non-serious, you destroy him. If one part is

erased, you get a pale photo-copy of what he really is." Having recorded not only the complete piano music but also all the songs, Roge is far more likely to see consistency

in him than contradiction. Although like the composer gards the songs as sides of his the most important area of Poulenc's creativity. Roge believes that personality "everything Poulenc wrote has sonality. It's never dull. And it's very

piece, Mouvements them". Ignoring the perpétuels, with serious works, which are not the last ones. Although they are more mature, you can still feel Poulenc's style, humour and melancholy. Everything is there from the beginning."

Roge's first contact with Poulenc was when, at the age of six, he was turning the pages for his organist mother in a performance of the Concerto for Organ, Timpani and Strings. "It was a revelation. It was more than 25 years before I played a note by Poulenc at the Paris Conservatoire he didn't exist - but when I did, it all came back to me."

his no doubt explains why another of the alleged problems with Poulenc, which is his reliance on other composers for stylistic models, scarcely seems to exist for Roge Poulene described himself as "madly eclectic" and even wondered whether, if Stravinsky hadn't existed, he would have been a composer at all. But if you fall for the Organ Concerto (shamelessly synthesized out of Stravinsky) before you know real Stravinsky, your attitude will be rather different.

"Poulenc's music is more emotional than Stravinsky's," Roge says. "It is a matter of personality. You can recognise Poulenc after one bar. It's been said that he used everyone's harmonies to write music like no one else's. That's true. He developed his own language, his own harmony, his own way of treating the melodies."



There has always been a feel-ing that Poulenc had it too easy. Born into Parisian high society, indulged by influential women no less than by men of a similar sexual persuasion like Cocteau and Diaghilev, never neglected in his lifetime, he is deemed not to have suffered enough. "He's paying for that now," says Roge. "It will take another 50 years be-

fore all that is forgotten." But, whatever bappens in Paris, we don't have to wait that long. There is an extraordinary wealth of music readily available, its apparent artiessness transcended by its charm and its elegance, its strength of character derived not least from its composer's courage to self meant being someone else. "After all," as Rogé says, "music is made for enjoyment, to bring happiness to people. I think Poulenc did that better than anybody else."

 Pascal Rogé plays Poulence at the Wigmore Hall (0171-935 2141). Jon 31 and Feb 8. Yan-Pascal Tortelier conducts the BBC PO in Poulenc in the Bridgewater Hall, Monchester (0161-907 9000), Jan 23. Opera North stages La Voix humaine at the Grand, Leeds (01 13-222 6222) from Jan 22

New year, new talents

has been picked to the bone and the new year is upon us: it must be PLG time. Sure enough, the Park Lane Group's 43rd season kicked off on Monday with the first batch of gifted young mu-sicians. So distinguished is the roll-call of previous PLG participants that competition is intense. This year 15 sets of artists have been chosen from more than 200 candidates. All. recitals are being recorded and Radio 3 will broadcast a

selection on January 22. As always, the players are expected to offer contemporary music, and programming and presentation skills are given due attention. Both the London City Brass Quintet and the pianist Nicholas Hagon gave challenging programmes with not a turkey in sight, with the possible exception of Justin Connolly's Cinquepaces, whose ungrateful sonorities gave the Ouintet little chance to shine. All it did was merci-

lessly to expose ensemble when it was less than perfect. Stuart Macrae's Among the Stones was equally demand-

ing in that respect, but its brooding atmosphere was graphically descriptive of the Orcadian brochs that inspired it, and skilfully realised by the group. Ensemble and solo work were severely tested, occasionally detrimentally, by Richard Rodney Bennett's Comgood sense of the theatrical inter-relation that characterises the piece. Best of all was Lutoslawski's Mini Overture, a gift of a work for an ensemble as accomplished as the London City Brass Quintet.

Nicholas Hagon took noeasy options either, but the works of the four composers he tackled were well contrasted and showed different aspecis of his musicianship to advantage. Ligeti's Studies are far more than virtuoso vehi-

with its syncopations reninis-cent of Thelonius Monk drew a light touch from Hagon: Julian Anderson's Hude No

3 is an introverted reverie whose mood was nicely caught. The jazzy intersper-sions of Sofia Gubadulina's Chaconne peeped idiesyncratically out, though Haton's finest moment came if the climax to the Icelandic omposer Hallgrimsson's Hohage to Mondrian: a geyser-ike eruption sustained with thrilling rhythmic propulsion In the early evening recital,

media IV, but there was some. the Portuguese-pertussionist fine playing here too, and a . Pedro Carneiro | framed works for marimbal by Joso Pedro Oliveira, Nigil Clarke and Graham Fitten with the harder-edged Bongo-D by Roberto Sierra and Brian Ferneyhough's Bone Alphalet, rising well to the demand of each. Oliveira's Crystal lyramids, receiving its UK preniere, effectively explored a range of dynamics and texture, while .Clarke's Tangaroa (Luropean premiere) evocativel conjured

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DRD JUSTICE CHADWICK aithat the appeal raised a point of she importance as to the effect, if as, of section 36 of the 1970 Act

obtaining an order of the court. It had been unnecessary for the judge to decide whether the bank had, to fact, gone into possession of

the borrower's house and the court had to approach the appeal on the basis that that question of fact had not been resolved. Section 36 was expressed to apply where a lender brought an ac-tion in which he claimed posses-

sion of the mortgaged property.

Where the conditions in subsection (I) were satisfied the court was. given powers, by subsection (2), which could fairly be described as procedural, in the sense that they were only capable of being exer-clsed in the context of existing proceedings in which a claim for pos-

session was made.
But the borrower had said, Par-liament could not have imended that the protection against eject-ment which the section was plainly intended to give to borrowers in re-spect of their bomes should be caspect of their bornes should be capable of being frustrated by a lender who resorted to self-help; that
was to say, by a lender who obtained possession by entry without
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Accordingly, he submitted, the
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It had never become clear in argument how, by any interpretation of the words actually used, that re-sult could be achieved; but that ob-jection had been brushed aside as unduly technical. What mattered, it was said, was that the court should give effect to the purpose for which the section had been plainly enacted.

The genesis of section 36 was not to dispute. In Birmingham Citi-zens Permanent Building Society v

held that the necessary conse-quence of the legal foundation upon which a mortgage was based was that the court had no power to refuse, or to suspend, an order for possession spught by a lender who was otherwise entitled to enter by

virtue of his estate. That decision had put an end to a practice which had been developed by the Chancery masters under which mortgage possession summonises were adjourned to give the borrower an opportunity to pay by instalments. It was plain that section 36 had

hern enacted in order to deal with the problem which had arisen fol-lowing Caunt; and which had been the subject of examination and recommendation by the Payne Committee in Enforcement of Judgment Debts (1969) (Canad

There was nothing in the circumstances leading to the enactment of section 36 which provided any foundation for a submission that it different problem, not then identified, arising from entry without an order of the court.

Nor was there anything in the language of the section itself which lent support to that submission. If the section had been intended to deal with the problems arising from entry without an order of the court, it was inconceivable that the section would have been enacted in the form in which it was.

The language of the section, as well as the circumstances in which

it had been enacted lent strong support to the view expressed in the Law Commission Working Paper No 99 Land Mortgages (1986) at paragraph 3.69:

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"(a) The court can enercise its discretion, funder section 36] only if the mortgagee applies to it for a possession order technically, there-

to seek some other means of enforcement."

In support of the contention that the court should give what he described as a purposive construc-tion to section 36, the horrower had relied on two decisions on the effect of a comparable provision in section 5 of the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Act 1920: Remon v City of London Real Property Co [1921] I KB 49) and Cruise v Terrell [1922] I KB

port for the borrower's content that section 36 of the 1970 Act should be given a construction which, on the language used, it could not bear. Remon and Cruise, properly un-derstood, provided examples of the

Those decisions provided no sup-

court constraing statutory provi-sions to give effect to a clearly identifiable purpose by a legitimate process of interpretation. There was no comparable process of construction by which the words used by the legislature in section 36 could be held to have the ef-

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The borrower could derive no assistance from Western Bank Ltd > Schindler (1977) Ch I). It provided a very good illustration of the principles on which the court acted when faced with the problem that a literal construction of the words used by the legislature would give rise to an obvious lacuma or absurd-

An English judge was not to in-dulge in judicial legislation. Before he could imply words into an Act. the statutory intention must be plain and the insertion not too big, or too much at variance with the language in fact used by the legisla-

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the lender's common law right to take possession by virtue of his estate should only be exercisable with the assistance of the court.

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The only conclusion as to Parliamentary intention that the court could properly reach was that which could be derived from the circumstances in which the section was enacted, the statutory context in which it appeared and the language which was used. All pointed in the same direction.

Parliament had been concerned with the problem which had arisen following Caust. It had intended to restore the position to what it had been thought to be before that decision and it did not address its mind to the question whether the borrower required protection against the lender who took possession without the assistance of the

It was not irrelevant that, at the date at which the 1970 Act was enacted, the borrower who was in occumation had the protection, subsequently replaced in a different and, perhaps, more limited form by section 6 of the Criminal Law Act 1977, afforded by the Forcible En-try Acts 1381-1623,

It was because it was impossible to be sure that Partiament could not have intended to leave the position as it was, that it could not be appropriate to embark on an invesgation whether the words which had been used were capable of some other construction than that which they naturally bore.

Lord Justice Henry and Lord Justice Clarke gave concurring

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Asylum claim makes deportation invalid

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department. Ex parte Samusi

Before Lord Justice Evans, Lord Justice Ward and Lord Justice

Liudgment December 161 The making of a deportation order against a person after a decision of intention to deport had been issued but while a claim for asylum by

him was outstanding was invalid. The Court of Appeal so held in a served judgment allowing the appeal of the applicant, Ganiyatu Abake Sanusi, pursuanı to leave granted to her by the Court of Appeal on May 22, 1998, to apply for judicial review of the dismissal by Mr Justice Carnwath on May 18 of her application for leave to apply for judicial review against a deportation order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department dated November 22, 1996. The court ordered that the deportation

Miss Sanusi in person: Mr Ian Burnett. OC and Miss Lisa Giovannetti for the secretary of state.

order be quashed.

LORD JUSTICE BROOKE said that the point in issue, shortly stated, was that at the time the deportation order was made the applicant had made an application for asylum, and she was not notified that her application had been refused catil some two and a half months after the deportation order was Her case was that the Home Of-

fice's procedure was unlawful because the language of the deporta-United Kingdom, while section 6 of peals Act 1993 prevented such a requirement being made in the case of an asylum-seeker between the time the claim to asylum was made and the time when the secretary of state gave notice of the decision on the claim.

It was commonplace in immigra-tion law that a deportation order came into force as soon as it was signed. The subject of the order was required to leave, and even if he knew nothing about the order, removal directions might be set and he might be detained simply because the order was in force: see section 5 of and Schedule 3 to the Immigration Act 1971.

The deportation order had to be distinguished from the decision to tions 15(2) and 18(1) of the 1971 Act and R v Governor of Wolds Prison. Ex parte Samateh (The Times April 17, 1998).

Mr Burnett contended, inter alia that the words "required to leave" in section 6 of the 1993 Act had a restricted meaning to the ef-fect that, although for all other purposes a person was required to leave the country as soon as the secretary of state signed a deportation order, in the present context the applicant was not so required uni the deportation order was served.

In his Lordship's view, the technique adopted by the draftsman of the 1993 Act placed an embargo, during the period between the mak-ing of an asylum claim and the no-uce of a decision on the claim being oiven to the ciaimant, not only on removal from the United Kingdom but also on any requirement to

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her elder sister with whom she lived had a home here. She had now been in detention for six months as a consequence of the making of an invalid deportation

Those were matters which the secretary of state would take into account when he reconsidered his decision in the case. They were not

Lord Justice Ward and Lord Jus-

Serving interrogatories before discovery complete

Coporacion Nacional del Core de Chile v Metallgeselchaft AG Ltd and Others Bere Judge Colyer, QC

[Jigment November 23] . The was no absolute rule prechidin the service of interrogatories be-for the completion of discovery er/or the exchange of witness

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nterrogatories could be served were they were necessary for dis-ping fairly of the cause or matteor for saving costs. An interrogary was necessary if unless it we served, it would be impossible tottempt a proper lingious purpe, which could include the prepanion of an application for sum mry judgment under Order 14. pyided the interrogatories them: sees were not objectionable as a

fining expedition.

Indee Colyer. QC. suting as an altitional. Chantery Division, idee, so beld allowing an appeal have plaintiff. Corporation. Naoler of Deputy Master Mark re-dring the withdrawal of tertain herrogamries served by the plainon the third defendant, Mr. bifgang Becker, on the ground tit the service of interrogatories for to the completion of discove and/or the exchange of witness

stements was premature, Mr Ian Geering, QC and Mr Anthry Robinson for the plaintiff.
M. Kenneth MacLean for Metallesellschaft AG and Metallgesellschaft Ltd: Mr David Donaldson, QC and Mr Paul Goulding for HIS LORDSHIP said that the

plaintiff, a company wholly owned by the Chilean government which produced and traded in copper, al-leged that the three defendants con-spired to pay a bribe of \$1.5 million to the plaintiff's futures manager our of the plaintiff's own funds by inflating the premium paid to the second defendant, the UK subsidiare of the first defendant, by that amount and cooperating in the diversion of that sum to the futures manager's personal bank account

in the Cayman Islands.

The essential question on this appeal was whether the Interrogatories served on Mr Becker, a metals trader employed by a subsidiary of the first defendant and the first defendant's agent in its dealings with the plaintiff, were necessary either for disposing fairly of the matter or for saving costs. While the statement of claim

covery was still to its early stages and no date had been set for the exchange of witness statements.

Mr Geering contended that

at transhoriemed, it not avoided attogether, by interrogating Mr Becker as to the salient facts now.

Relying on Attorney-General v Gaskili (1881-2) 20 Ch 519), he pointed out that as Order 38, rule 2A of the Rules of the Supreme Court explicitly recognised that in-

sterrogatories could affect whether and to what extent witness statements were recessary, a fortiori. Order 38, rule 2 recognised that, al-beit in rare cases, interrogatories might properly be served prior to the exchange of witness state-

The interrogatories in the present case were not oppressive. The questions, although numerous (over 150 in all), broke down into three distinct series, and in many instances were capable of short and immediate answers. It was at least reasonably possi-

ble that the answers to the interrog-atories might shorten or even dispense with a full trial, or at least make some of the further discovery unnecessary. If the answer was: "I do not know. I was not there and did not

authorise such a step", then that, could very easily be deposed. The privilege against self-incrim-ination meant that the defendant could decline to give a substantial answer, not that the interror ries could not be put see Spokes v The Grosvenor and West End Railway Terminus Hotel Company Ltd (1897) 2 QB 124).

costs could be saved and the eventual trial shortened, if not avoided almissions of Mr Donaldson, based on Hall v Sevalco Ltd (1996) PIQR
349, that the openly declared objec-tive of the plaintiff in the present application, namely to prepare for and mount an application for summary judgment, could not consti-tute a clear litigious purpose necessitating the interrogation of Mr Becker to obtain information or admissions which were likely to be contained in the pleadings, discoverable documents and/or a witness

If interrogatories were legiti-mate in preparation for trial there was no reason why they could not be equally legitimate in preparation for an application for sum: ry judgment, provided that the case had the makings of an Order 14 case and was not objectionable as a fishing expedition. The present case did have sufficient Order 14 potential.

Mr Donaldson contended that, in the modern procedural context, the interrogamries were prema-ture see Det Daviske Hedelskabet v KDM International Ltd (1994) 2 Ll Rep 534): Hall v Sevalco Ltd and UCB Bank ple v Halifax Ltd (unveported, CA. June 10, 1997).

However, the observations of Mr Justice Colman in Det Danske Hedelskabet, approved by the Court of Appeal in Hall v Seve notwithstanding, Order 26, rule I did not say: "After discovery and the exchange of witness statements a party may serve interrogato-ries...". It would be wrong to read those words into the rules. Each . case had to be considered on its . own facts by reference to the Order 26, rule 1(1) criteria of necessity

"Necessary" was an ordinary English word with a range of meanings. Io the instant context it could not mean "absolute necessi-

ty", but had to mean a strong or compelling reason, or something which would prevent the desired re-sult, that is, the fair disposal of the Normaco and Another v Lundman and Others

Before Mr Justice Carnwath Dudgment December 171 To be pedantically accurate, an An inter partes pre-judgment Mareva order, freezing one of the party's assets, was a judgment which the court had jurisdiction to interrogatory was necessary if, unless it was served, it would be impossible to attempt a proper liti-Proper litigious purpose meant not just one that was defined and easily ascertainable but certify for enforcement and recogni-

tion in a foreign jurisdiction. Mr Justice Carnwath so held in the Chancery Division when making an order on the application of An application under Order 14 the plaintiffs pursuant to Order 71. would rarely constitute such a rule 36 of the Rules of the Supreme Court certifying the order dated February 17, 1998 made in the ac-

> Mr lan Geering, QC and Mr tephen Phillips for the plaintiffs. MR JUSTICE CARNWATH

said that the application was made for the enforcement and recognition in Switzerland of a pre-judgment Mareva order.

Order 71, rule 36 provided that the application "must be made exparte". It was useful to explain the application of that rule to Mareva

The relevant provisions re-quired the term "judgment" to be interpreted in accordance with section 50 of the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982 and article 25 in each of the Brussels and Lugano Conventions on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters and set out in Schedules I and 3C to the 1982 Act

The words of those provisions

Mareva order. The position was summarised in Dicey & Morris on Conflict of Laws (12th edition (1993) In Babanast International Co

SA v Bassaine ([1990] 1 Ch 13, 31) Lard Justice Kerr set out the effect of those provisions which made in clear that a Mareva order might be certified in principle provided that it was inter-paries or where the de-fendam had had an opportunity to resist the plaintiff's application. The latter phrase was solely con-cerned with certifying the judg-

His Lordship referred to The Atlantic Emperor No 2 (1992) 1 Lloyd's Rep 624) and said that it was clear that he had jurisdiction to certify the judement.

Solicitors: Palmer Cowen.

No legal privilege for iniquity

Duai Aluminium Co Ltd v Sard Reyadh Abdulla S. Næer Al Alawi and Others Befie Mr Justice Rix

Duoment December 3] Evence obtained through crimievence optamen unrough crimi-nair fraudulent conduct by pri-vamvestigators employed by si-licits for use in and relevant to is-suen litigation was discoverable andot protected by legal profes-

ander privilege.

In Justice Rix so held in the Quan's Bench Division, in allowing iscovery under Order 24, rule 7 one Rules of the Supreme Court. of norts and documents relating to restigations into the financial affas of Mr Al Alawi.

Ebai Aluminium Co Ltd (Du-bal) ed Mr Al Alawi, among othhalved Mr Al Alawi, among om-ers, respect of his conduct as its sale manager between 1984 and 199 Mr Al Alawi sought dis-chae of a Mareva lasset-freezing injuction imposed together with an aton Piller [search and seize] ord on July 28: 1998, on the growd, inter alia, that in investi-care his finances and assets. Dugaig his finances and assets. Du-hal ad employed agents, Page As-socies, a firm of private investigatorsyho had acted in contraventionf the Data Protection Act 1984

or riss banking laws.

Iwas accepted by Dubal that sucdocuments were relevant and disverable but it was alleged that leg professional privilege at-tack to them. It was accepted by

Mr. Al Alawi that prima facie such still more recently becoming clear-privilege would attach to them, but for the fact that they were part of or Council in July 1997 The Data Proprivilege would attach to them, but for the fact that they were part of or relevant to criminal or translutent acts or purposes, or acts or purpos-es which were otherwise iniqui-

Mr Mark Pelling for Dubal: Mr Clive Freedman, QC and Mr Alan Gourgey for Mr Al Alawi. MR JUSTICE RIX said that it

had to be recognised that there was a clash of principle and public in-

tous.

The court made the following or-The court made the following orders by consent and upon the giving of certain undertakings and
cross-undertakings: (i) Mr. Al Alawi was given unconditional leave
to defend on the first claim; (ii) Duhal withdrew the second and third
claims; (iii) the Mareva and Anton
Piller orders were discharged.

a crash of principle and public in-terest. There was strong public in-terest in legal professional privi-lege. There was also the public in-terest, no less strong, in combating crime or fraud and in protecting the victims or potential victims of There was also the public inter-

est, reflected in Kuruma v The Queen [1955] AC 197, 205), in trying cases on relevant evidence in the attempt to arrive at a true and the attempt to arrive at a true and just determination at trial.

His Lordship acknowledged that the problem of data protection was a modern one, reflected by the relatively recent date of the 1984. Act and the fact that the ramifications of that legislation were only

tection Act 1984 and the Bar and Gee on Mareva Injunctions and Anton Piller Relief (4th edition

It seemed to his Lordship that if investigative agents employed by solicitors for the purpose of litigation were permitted to breach the provisions of such stantes or to indulge in fraud or impersonation dulge in fraud or impersonation without any consequence at all for the conduct of litigation, then the courts would be going too far to sanction such conduct.

However, there was the sanction of any prosecutions or civil suits, and those must always remain the primary sanction for any breach of the criminal or civil law.

But it seemed to his Lordship that criminal or fraudulent con-duct for the purposes of acquiring evidence in or for litigation could not properly escape the conse-quence that any documents generand by or reporting on such con-duct and which were relevant to the issues to the case were discoverable and fell outside the legitimate area of legal professional privilege. In his Lordship's judgment, the Kuruma principle was consistent with that view rather than against it. That principle was concerned with vindicating the truth with the aid of relevant evidence rather than excluding such evidence on

the ground that it had been improp-

erly-come by. That principle could not be said to require privilege even where crime or traud had been committed to obtain informa-

Ultimately it seemed to his Lordship that criminal or fraudulent conduct undertaken for the purpos-es of litigation fell on the same side of the line as advising on or setting up criminal or fraudulent transactions yet to be undertaken, as dis-tinct from the entirely legitimate professional business of advising and assisting clients on their past conduct, however integritous.

The Queen v Cox ((1884) 14 QBD 153, 167) supported that conclusion. His Lordship was therefore of the opinion that the documents sought were in principle within the established exception.

As to the extent of disclosure re-quired to such a case, that could al-ways raise difficult questions, but the problem was not a new one. It had to be solved on a case-by-case basis, and even on a document-by-document basis, in accordance with principles such as those laid down in Bank of Nova Scotia v Hellenic Mutual War Risks Association Ltd (1992) 2 Lloyd's Rep 540); G. E. Capital Corporate Finance Group Ltd v Bankers Trust Co (1995) 1 WLR 172) and Hellenic Mutual War Risks Association Ltd v Harrison ([1997] | Lleyd's Rep

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Order ensures survival of partnership

Inc H. S. Smith and Sons Bere Mr Justice Park

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[Jument December 7] A utnership was unable to pay itsebts, so as to qualify it for the disctionary making of an administion order under section 8(1) of thansolvency Act 1986, as restated inchedule 2 to the Insolvent Partnehips Order (SI 1994 No 2421), nevithstanding that the value of thassets of one of its partners ex-

cels its liabilities. Ar Justice Park so held in the Cincery Division, in making an actinistration order under section 8(in respect of a family farming panership comprising Harry Sea-book Smith. Frances Smith and thr son, Ivan Smith, which was teant of a farm of which Harry

MR JUSTICE PARK said that the restated section 8(1) provided that before the court could make an administration order in respect

an administration order in respect
of an insolvent parmership:
It had to be satisfied that the partnership was unable, as distinct
from likely to become unable, the
test to respect of companies, or was
deemed to be unable to pay its
debts as they fell due, or if the value of its assets was less than the
amount of its liabilities; see section:
224(1)(d) and (2) of the 1986 Act. 224(I)(d) and (2) of the 1986 Act. those debts.
2 It had to consider that the making of an order would be likely to tion of the first condition above? achieve one or more of three pure. His Lordship thought not. The poses:

(i) the survival of the undertaking paying debts and the value of its as-

or pair of it as a going concern;

Mr Glen Davis for the parmer-ship no creditor appeared or was rangement under Part I of the 1986 represented. fiii) a more advantageous realisa-

tion of the partnership's property than would be effected on a wind-

Of critical importance, and a major difference from insolvency of a company, was the personal liability of each of the partners for the partnership's debts; in particular Mr Harry Smith, having contracted to sell part of the land and agreed, subject to contract, to sell a cottage, could comfortably pay off

Did that fact preclude satisfac-

sets was less than that of its liabili-

ties, notwithstanding that its creditors had full recourse against Mr The petition relied on an administration order being likely to

achieve all the purposes set out in section 8(3), the most important being that in section 8(3)(a): "... the survival of the undertaking of the partnership as a going concern". The making of an administra-tion order would hold off the credi-

tors from petitioning to wind up the partnership and give Mr Harry Smith time to recapitalise the partnership, in which case its business would survive as a going con-cern. It was plainly desirable that his Lordship should exercise his discretion in favour of making an administration order.

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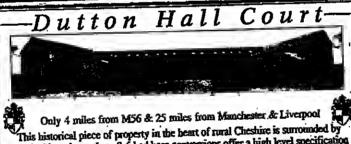
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Rachel Kelly reports on the proposal for the Land Registry that will end the property price guessing game Your biggest

investment is no longer a secret

able to know the price that sellers originally paid for their houses and the putative profit that they could enjoy.

Such juicy figures and an intimate knowledge of our neighbour's bank balance will fuel our national obsession with house prices and the joys of making more money by watching the wallpaper than by going out to work.

Ministers are expected to an-nounce shortly that henceforth the Land Registry, the government body that records property transactions, will soon include the price paid for a property alongside de-tails of its registered title, mortgage and conveyancing.

Potential buyers could apply for a copy of the title, or if they have online access via the Land Registry direct access service, view the entry from a computer.

The reforms are part of Labour's. manifesto commitment to freedom of information, and have been the subject of discussion since 1988 in the run-up to the opening of the Land Registry to the public in 1990.

They are also part of the Government's wider aim to reform the housebuying process, which is currently the subject of a consultation paper at the Department of the En-vironment, Transport and the Regions. Providing such information could be included in a logbook or sellers' pack to be assembled by sellers before putting a property on

Should the reform be implemented, England and Wales will mirror the Scottish system where property: prices have been a matter of public

used in England until 1976 when prices were included on the Land Registry, but since the Registry was not then open to the public, the prices could be disclosed only by per-

mission of the owner. Then the system was abused by solicitors, who often erased the previous selling price. The lawyers ar-gued that if buyers could see how hugely the house price had risen.

they might try to renegotiate.
Others argue that the price paid in a property transaction is essentially a private affair and is not in the public domain, and thus should not be the Government's to disclose: Certainly, the number of

Anything that demystifies the housebuying

process is a good thing. It will make valuation easier'

agents whose clients are obsessed with confidentiality clauses bears witness to the desire for secrecy about what is for many their biggest financial transaction.

Many lawyers still oppose the re-forms, and have been lobbying the Lord Chancellor's Department to make their views known. So do some agents, such as David Parry. from Cluttons Daniel Smith in Maidstone. "Such an idea is an invasion of privacy," he says. "Property values can rise or fall in very

the wrong picture."

· But most estate agents and surveyors have broadly welcomed the move and they are right to do so. The changes will see an end to inflated claims by irresponsible agents about how much a house is worth, only to win the commission

from Friend & Falcke, the London estate agents, the reforms will steady the housing market and restrain prices from galloping away from reality in an inflationary boom, which economists now agree has damaging effects on the wider

More information in general leads to more efficiency and such figures would be useful in terms of tracking the reality of what is happening to actual prices, rather than relying on the research of commercial organisations such as the Halifax and the Nationwide Building Society. It would help, too, in fraud

This should make the property market more efficient," says a spokesman for the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, which has campaigned for change.

Such information is already freely available in Scotland, Northern Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and many European countries.

"The experience of openness in all of these countries is that personal and commercial privacy has not been compromised. Nor has the information been misused." . Willie Gething, from the buyers'

agents Property Vision, says: "Anything that demystifies the housebuying process is a good thing. It will make valuations easier and will leave less room for economic



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Those were the days: flashback to the time when homes could be bought for a few thousand pounds

guessing." Indeed, many switchedon buyers already try to find out as much about other sales in the area or the street in which they are interested, and such comparable sales are an essential element of the services provided by buying agents who do their best to assess values

But property experts also caution that the figures need to be used with care. Guy Foster notes that if a buyer can call up the Land Registry and find out all the house prices within the same street, this could complicate negotiations.

He says: "The Land Registry will not record the condition of a property, the size of rooms or its internal

Richard Lambert from the British Property Federation echoes concerns that the information could be misleading. Finer details of deals such as rent-free periods or methods of payment such as share swaps do not have to be included. To have to answer "yes" or "no"

the issue, Mr Lambert argues. Rather he wishes to see the proposal, which does have merit, fine-Willie Gething points to other complications. In the country,

to the proposals is to oversimplify

many homes are registered in two parts: for example a rectory might be registered separately from some land or a cottage. Government figures could be misleading.

He says: They may read that there have been no property sales of more than £2 million in Wiltshire in the past year, whereas we will know of maybe three or four sales. The reason is that the sales included land or outbuildings which were recorded separately from the

r Gething notes, too. that there could be leasehold extensions which mean that prices are not necessarily comparable. He says: "A house sold with a

50-year lease a few years ago may now be for sale with an extended 75-year lease.

The message is that if prices are published, such figures need to be reated with caution. The approach may not add to the

gaiety of dinner parties, but should add to the efficiency of the more

CHRIS EVANS. owner of Virgin Radio, has bought a flat in Wilton Crescent. SWI. The ground floor and basement flat was sold on a short lease for about

THE bome of Sir Alan Glyn, the late Conservative MP who was also a soldier. barrister, doctor and expert on international affairs, is being sold by Farley and Co for £3 million. Seventeen Cadogan Place, SWI. consists of a main bouse and mews house, both in need of refurhishment. According to Dick-ens in Nicholas Nickleby. Cadogan Place was the connecting link "between the aristocratic pavements of Bel-grave Square and the barba-rism of Chelsea".

☐ FUNTINGS, in Kirdford. West Sussex, a 17th-century Grade II listed house, is for sale. The house has five bedrooms and lies in 130 acres of pasture. Among those who have rented the house are Liam Gallagher and Patsy Kensit. Browns' Cranleigh office is selling the house for

ALAN LEVY, the founder nf the London Toy Museum and New Cavendish Books, is renting his flat in Stanley Gardens, SWII. The flat is packed with model trains, art, books and all kinds of gadgetry. The flat is for rent through Chards Campden Hill Road office for £1.350 a week.

THE Grade II listed Geor gian bouse of Angela Billing-ham, Labour MEP for North-amptonshire and Blaby, is for sale. The Ivy House, Adderbury, Oxfordshire, has five bedrooms and a cottage garden and is for sale through Lane Fox for £355,000.

DALAN CLARK'S former home at Town Farm House in Bratton Clovelly, Devon. where he lived before becoming an MP, has been ancsoned for £167,000 through

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Co-ownership scheme set to fail the poor

that has helped 50,000 people low-paid buyers money on urban regeneration and on to the first rung of the property low-paid buyers creating sustainable communities." ladder.

Those who quality for help now, particularly Londoners and those from ethnic minorities, may soon be stuck in rented homes that are'

The do-it-yourself shared ownership scheme (DIYSO), a homebuying incentive introduced by the Conservatives, also helps nurses and teachers whose low salaries make them unable to buy on the open

It allows a buyer to pay between 25 and 75 per cent of a new home, with a subsidised rent on the rest If, for example, you took out a mortgage for 50 per cent of the property's value, the lower rent on the rest could in effect make the property 30 per cent cheaper than with a 100 per cent mortgage.

But last summer the Government said DIYSO would be

scrapped this year in favour of a new scheme called Homebuy, where buyers would need to pay at least 75 per cent of the cost.

It is effectively an interest-free loan of 25 per cent. Steve Coleman.

of the Notting Hill Home Ownership Trust, is in favour, but, he beheves, it only offers an improved deal to people who are better-off. Fifty-seven per cent of people who used DIYSO with Notting Hill

Home Ownership Trust would not be able to afford Homebuy. Housing associations campaigned for the Government to change its mind and in November, Hilary Armstrong, the Housing Minister, said she would keep DIYSO. But from April it will be financed by local councils rather than the Housing Corporation.

There is no extra money going to the councils and campaigners are worried that next year the scheme, in practice, will be cut, especially in the capital.

Sue Ellenby, the head of the National Housing Federation in London, says: "We were concerned about DIYSO being abolished as it." allows people on lower incomes to own homes. The Homebuy scheme is not as accessible, particularly for those in London and the South East where property prices are high.

Soon local authorities funding DIYSO will be pushed to make difficult decisions with limited funds. At the end of the day we are still arguing about a lack of resources to meet the range and level of need for affordable houses."

Realistically, DIYSO could be extinct in five months and London would be hardest hit.

Steve Nun, of Tower Housing As-sociation, deals with boroughs in southeast London. Southwark, Bromley and Greenwich are unlikely to earmark much money for DI-YSO." he says. "They have other things they would rather spend this money on. As a result, some people will be stuck in the housing trap." Last year his association helped 250 people to get housed under the

A plan to help to find cheaper homes may backfire, says **Senay Boztas**

old government scheme or find accommodation in shared home ownership flats. In the case of apartments, a housing association buys or removates a complex. Then pro-spective purchasers usually pay for half of their property and rent the rest. They can gradually buy the whole home, but unlike DIYSO. they cannot make their own choice of homes on the open market.

· But even the shared home ownership schemes are not always suita-ble. In Buckinghamshire, for example, many local people cannot afford to buy property in expensive brownfield developments and new shared home ownership blocks can-

not be built on green belt land.

Many projects are overburdened Last year in London, for every person who found a place, nine were unsuccessful. There were more than 55,000 inquiries for 5,000 properties. Many waiting lists are years long.

Fourteen of the 20 most deprived local authority areas are in the capital. At the same time more than 120,000 households are in severe housing need because of dangers in their current homes, according to a

London Pride Parmership survey. Nick Ronald, the chairman of the London Home Ownership group, says a cake that is already small will have to be even more thinly sliced. Councils will have to split funding between three sorts of housing relief - DIYSO, shared ownership and the new Homebuy

'In West London, where my Bush Housing Association works, I do not think boroughs will. fund DIYSO.

"There is going to be a problem here: Since some areas are so expensive, low incomes for London can range from £12,000 to £25,000. There will be people caught in low quality housing and unable to get out."

He says ethnic minorities may be hit particularly hard. Last year these families accounted for 40 per

cent of DIYSO users.

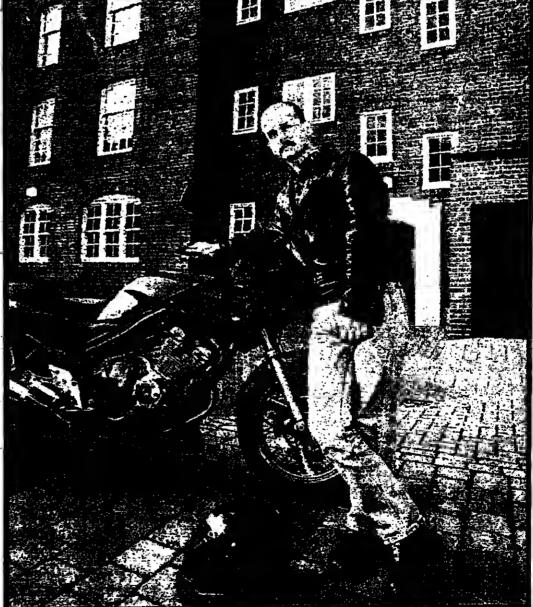
Councils may have more cash for housing generally from Labour's capital receipts initiative, letting them use money from the sale of council houses during the Eighties. but this is also used for repairing and building more social housing.

uncan Bowie, of the London Housing Corpora-tion says For the first time we are leaving it up to councils to decide where to spend their mon-ey. Some may well back more renting instead of DIYSO. Early indications suggest fewer councils will use the Homebuyer scheme. We are in discussions now to find out."

The future of the scheme is uncertain. It may still be available next year in boroughs such as South Buckinghamshire; but many are worried it will disappear. Perny Sychrava, of the Notting Hill Home Ownership Trust, believes it will be obsolete within two years.

This year's funds are going fast. Even people racing to buy under DIYSO now may be disappointed. Both Tower Housing and Bush associations have stopped advertising because their money has already

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The DIYSO scheme provided a passport to "desirable" and expensive Piralico for Marc Lewis

Actor Rupert Procter is enjoying his new role as homeowner, he now pays the same in mortgage payments as he previously spent on rent

A FOOT ON THE LADDER

MARCLEWIS, a council worker, spent four years lodging with friends before DIYSO helped him to begin huying a home of his

The social policy research offic-er from the London Borough of Barnet carns just over £20,000 a year. Bul that was not enough for Inner London property. Thanks to the DIYSO scheme, he now lives in Pintlico, southwest London, just behind the Tate Gallery. Mr Lewis, 43, says: "I wanted to live in Pimlico where I was stay-ing with friends. I liked the area. but it is considered 'desirable' so buying and renting are probibi-

tively expensive."
He moved into an £85,000 one-bedroom flat in late April, after gaining approval from his hous-ing trust in February. To buy his flat in the Millbank

Estate be took out a mortgage with monthly payments of £460 to

Now he pays £108 a month in rent to the Notting Hill Home Ownership Trust and believes this is cheaper than private renting—
although his monthly spend has
doubled since his days of sharing.
He says: "I was eestatic when t
moved into an area that is safe

and pleasant it has everything. London's attractions are within half an hour's walk. The scheme gets people nn to the housing lad-der and I would recommend it." He says DIYSO may not be right for people with special needs or those who do not want a mortgage. He also warns of additional costs - surveyor's and legal fees

were higher than he had expected. "I had the costs budgeted virtually to the penny, but it still cost me more. For someone more financially strapped it could have been

A SENSE OF STABILITY

upert Procter, a 36-year-old actor, feels very lucky to have benefited from DIYSO. He saw homelessness looming when his sister and her husband - with whom he lodged - wanted to start a family. He tried to move from their Wandsworth home but could not get a

"Acting is notoriously austable," he says. "Yon can have no work for two months and then a well-paid television job. I was on £16,000 a year and had saved £6,000, but Barclays was still suspicious."

He had nearly given up hope of buying a £69,000 two-bedroom cottage in Tooting when a fellow actor told him about the Notting Hill Home Ownership Trust

Spending all his savings on a mortgage down-payment with the Nationwide Building Society and solicitor's fees. Mr Procter got an "unbelievable deal" from the association, which len! him the remaining £34,500, to be paid back at a rate of £120 a month.

With monthly mortgage repayments of £160, he is paying the same as be spent on rent — but now he has a home of his own.

"Getting my own home has been change for the better without a doubt. It has made my life more complete," he says.

Now, with roles in television programmes, including Peak Practice, and earnings of £25,000, he is considering "staircasing": gradually buying a higger share in the cottage eventually to own it outright.

DIYSO was the starting point, and Mr Procter feels that even con-

templating abolishing the scheme is disgusting. He believes it is a way for people to make their lives

Safin's leap forward put on hold

From Alix Ramsay in Doha, Qatar

FOR a man who hates to travel, Marat Safin has come a long way, but unfortunately it does not seem to be doing him much good. Hailing from Moscow by way of Valencia -he has lived there for five years, training with the vast contingent of young Spanish

hopefuls - he now tours the world trying to live down his reputation as the next big thing waiting to happen in Tennis will have to wait a

little longer, as yesterday he lost to Hicham Arazi in the first round of the Qatar Mobil Since Safin defeated Andre Agassi and Gustavo Kuerten at the French Open last year. announcing his arrival in the big time, his life has changed. Now there is fame, fortune

and, worst of all, expectation

to deal with, and it is all prov-

ing a little too much. His Spanish colleagues all talk warmly of Safin; he is a lovely chap. they say, one of the boys, lots of talent, a thoroughly decent sort. But ask how far he can go and the Spaniards shrug their shoulders. Well, he is Russian,

so who knows?

And therein lies the problem. When Safin is happy he is stunning, but he can slump from happy to glum in the twinkling of an eye and then everything starts to go horri-

bly wrong. Safin is 6ft 4in of bludgeoning groundstrokes wrapped in voluminous shorts, while Arazi is a diminutive 5ft 9in of improvisation and guile — but

they are perfectly matched. The Moroccan, too, is a staggeringly gifted player plagued by an unerring habit of throwaway the most promising of leads should the mood take him. One of the tour's nicer personalities, his tennis is not helped by the pursuit of his two favourite hobbies: girls

and nightclubs. Yesterday was a bad day for both men. Each was trying to be more inconsistent than the master of the craft, that required some thought. Safin, as is his wont, refied on brute force, walloping his first serv-

ice and trying to knock holes in the court off both flanks. Unfortunately, the power was undermined by the lack of direction and, as he sprayed the ball wide and long, he just about managed to be more consistently inconsistent than

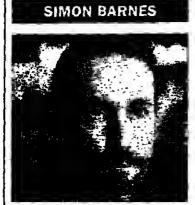
Arazi and go out 1-6, 6-3, 7-6.
It was a tough day for the
Russians. Yevgeny Kafelnikov. the No 3 seed, was almost undone by the little-known Stephane Huet, a qualifier from France, but saved the day, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4. Like Safin, Kafelnikov does a good line in glum, and yesterday he had every cause to be less than happy. He played some truly appalling tennis for the first hour before digging in for an untidy scrap. With more than 200 ranking places separating them. Huet eventually realised his position in the pecking

order and gave way.

The weight of the world seems to sit heavily on Kafel-nikov's shoulders. He regards his bulging bank balance as no more than another thing to worry about, and while fatherhood has calmed him down this time last year he was nursing a knee injury after a skiing accident and singed eyebrows after some high jinks with a firework - it has done little to lift his spirits.

He now faces the hugely jolly Arazi in the next round, a fact that is unlikely to bring a

How fleeting the taste of glory



Midweek View

he best bit of sport we have had this entire year was Darren Gough's hat-trick: the following 51 weeks will have to go some if they are to produce something as good as that. It had sporting excellence, with three quite extraordinarily good balls. It also had a splendidly likeable athiete doing the doing.
What is still more, the hat-trick of-

fered that most wondrously satisfying thing, a feeling of someone getting his own back on life. On this tour, it seemed that a convention had been established whereby no Eng-lishman ever caught a catch off Gough's bowling. The hat-trick was the reward for that especially admirable kind of bloody-minded courage, the kind that comes to the fore in the face of quite terrible luck, awful disappointment and the failure of just about every one of your team-mates to back you up consistently.

It was great stuff, part of two splendidly satisfying Test matches, games made the more memorable for the three hugely depressing England performances that preceded them. But I was reminded of another hat-trick, not so long ago: one that spelt out quite wonderful hopes at the time. And which all ended in tears, some of them shed during this particular liber transfer. ular Test series.

Dominic Cork performed that most glorious and melodramatic of cricketing feats against West Indies in 1995. It followed his sensational entry into Test cricket two matches earlier: seven wickets in an innings. when he was at the heart of the first England victory of over West Indies at Lord's since 1957. A man, it seemed, made for the making of cricket history.

Then came the match in which he made an unbeaten 56 and then did the hat-trick. Wonderful stuff. And well, Cork has never been the same



Gough celebrates the greatest moment of his career in the Sydney Test

thing about the most extraordinarily high achievement that seems to knock the stuffing out of a person.

Cork has been a sad figure on this tour, useful only for getting up Australian noses. His most memorable contribution was to provoke the biggest grin of the series, from Glenn McGrath after he had succeeded in hitting Cork with a bouncer.

Still on the winter's cricket, we have the figure of Brian Lara, who has never recovered from the brief eyeblink of cricketing history in

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which he was the greatest player that ever lifted a bat. After his Test match 375 for West Indies against England, he scored 501 for Warwickshire, and for a brief few weeks scored a hundred just about every time he went

out to bat. He has been something of a disaster ever since. He has hastened the decline of West Indian cricket, disrupted the present squad and led the team to disaster in South Africa. It is not that he has never matched his. own highest achievements, for no. one could. The fact is that performing them destroyed something in - good sense, humility, ambition, balance, proportion, whatever. These days Lara reminds me of the old joke about the Corkman who had an inferiority complex. He believed he was just the same as everybody else

lan Botham was another who was

if only partially—destroyed by his
own greatest achievements. His 1981
series against Australia was probably the dramatic individual contribu-tion to the changing of the course of a Test series. And though the flame was to flicker on and off for the rest of his career, Botham the man was never quite the same afterwards. Something of the same is true with Gazza, after the glories of the 1990. World Cup. It is the football that the

'Gough's hat-trick offered the feeling of someone who was getting his own back on life'

wise person remembers, not the tears the speed of thought, the wit, the invention, the wonderful strut-

the invention, the wonderful strut-ting cockectainty.

I know the Cup Final injury did much of the de-Gazza-ing of Gazza-but perhaps that wild and loony tack-le with which he injured himself was itself part of a wild and loony search for lost glories. And Michael Owen?

Well. We will have to see if his 25 paces of perfection have destroyed something in him. We can only watch and wait. There is something about these dizzy peaks of achieve-ment that reminds me of Edmund and the Turkish delight in The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, the wonderful C.S. Lewis fairytale. Edmund is given the sweets he most wanted by The Wicked Witch.

"She knew, though Edmund did not, that this was enchanted Turkish delight and that any one who had once tasted it would want more and more of it, and would even, if they were allowed, go on eating till they killed themselves." But Edmund did not get any more Turkish delight, and it was this - the having once tasted and never again tasting - that turned him totally and completely

Question: is it better to have never tasted, than to spend the rest of your taste but once? Well, one thing is for sure: most of us will never know.

Lara is left open to dangers of home rule

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FROM IVO TENNANT IN CAPE TOWN

CAPE TOWN (fourth day of five): West Indies, with four second-innings wickers in hand, need 329 runs to beat South Africa

THE discipline that Clive Lloyd inculcated in his players when he captained West Indies is not so apparent now that he is their manager. Needing 421 to beat South Africa in the fourth Test here, they lost six wickers for 93 and were fortunate that the extra half-hour was not claimed.

A recurring problem for West Indies during the series has been that they have not been given a proper start to their innings. Lara has had to cope with the new ball too often for their liking. Murray is no opener and nor has Wallace looked the part. He was out for a duck, to a hizzere scooped shot to mid-on off Pollock.

Kallis had Murray leg-before and Chanderpaul was brilliantly taken left-handed by Culliman at first slip. Hooper's firning was as pleasing as ever until he dragged a ball from the transparent legislation. Kallis on to the stumps and Lara was

beaten in the flight by Adams.
It would be churlish to be too critical of a man who has scored 110 and an unbeaten 88 in addition to taking five wickets, but for Kallis to make only 13 runs in an hour after lunch was a surprise.

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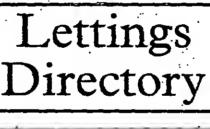
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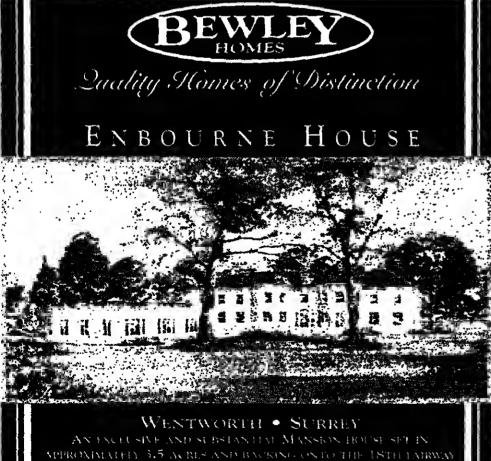
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England's late improvement unable to mask inferiority complex against dominant home team

Familiar failings advance cause of new generation

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN SYDNEY

WHEN the dismay subsides, along with the briefly inflated hope. England will be left with only the stark realities of this Ashes series. For all their planning and preparation, certain things have scarcely changed. In areas of technique, and across the broad span of cricketing resources, Australia remain mark-

edly superior.
What England have belatedly achieved here, to the great credit of their coach and captain, is a striking improvement in character under pressure. Adversity now seems to bring out their fight. rather than their fatalism, and there is no disputing that Australia were given a considerable scare over the last two Tests.

Quite why it should take the direst of situations to stir England to such heights, though, is their enduring frustration. Certainly, Alec Stewart, the captain, cannot explain it. "If I could, we'd have done something about it long ago,"

he said sadly.

Stewart, while proud of his players' resilience in the final fortnight, would wish nobody to be fooled by it. He is aware that until

Christmas, when the series began its wholly unexpected finale. England had been woefully second-best and that it was only the fortuitous elec- . tric storm on the last afternoon in Brisbane that prevented them from being 3-0 down before the fightback began.

Indeed, their last-day performance in Hobart, against an Australia reserve side exhorted to believe they were playing in a sixth. Test. was so pitiful that Stewart and David Lloyd, the coach, considered it the worst day of England cricket they have been associated with:

It was that day, and its aftermath both here and in England, that accelerated speculation over the future personnel of team management. It will continue over a period of months, as the initiatives of an England committee now chaired by Brian Bolus become clearer and .

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necessarily improve the environment - now unrecognisably unified - or the playing results.

Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth, chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board, has been in Australia for the heady end-ofseries days and made some interesting observations. On the eve of the final Test, he arrived at the Sydney Cricket Ground as the teams were in the nets. He murmured appreciatively about the facilities in Australia before surveying England's Test record and saying: "It's no good us being fifth, sixth or seventh in the world. We have to be in the top two." He is wise enough to know

there was a connection. Every Australian state ground has splendid, off-ground net pitch-es that mirror conditions in the middie. Most English counties have no proper nets, away from their playing area, so they cannot practise at all while a game is in process. The difference in attitude that this represents is profound and is one good reason Lloyd fancies a shot at coaching an Australian side.

Australian facilities do not end

Certain problems remain as great as ever?

> with nets, any more than their cricketing culture ends with sledging. The infrastructure of assistance available to players is impressive and the fact that England are now beginning to imitate it is another thing that can be credited to Lloyd. The coach, however, has not

cured an air of falliblity whenever Australia appear on the fixture hist. and he knows it. Senior players now acknowledge that a degree of subconscious defeatism has been present in Ashes games and that a new generation may be necessary to contest the next Australian series

It certainly seems unlikely that

"pair" for England and Fraser bowled unthreateningly and, eventually, not at all. Fraser has lost the nip that gave

his metronomic accuracy its extra dimension. Atherton's problems have been partly technique, partly ill-fortune and chiefly a back condition that is recurring with ever

Graham Thorpe's departure for home, after only two Tests, was a dreadful blow for England. He, too, has long-term back trouble that does not bode well in the maelstrom of international cricket.

There are several others for whom this has been a disillusion ing tour - John Crawley, Robert Croft and Dominic Cork among them. Ben. Hollioake, justifiably chosen as an all-rounder of poten-tial, has regressed, but Alex Tudor, the wild card, has the makings of an impressive cricketer if his suspect body stands up to the strain.

Certain problems characteristic of all recent England teams remain as great as ever. The bowling of spin is in crisis; it must be if Ashley Giles was the best that could be

produced from the hat to rival Australia's introduction of Shane Warne.

Wicketkeeping is in a scarcely healthier state. If Stewart's latest switch back to opening is to be sustained. Chris Read, the A team wicketkeeper from Nottinghamshire. may play Test cricket before the end of summer.

·But there were some shining positives from this tour, four of them in particular. Nasser Hussain and Mark Ramprakash batted with conviction and consistency. Darren Gough has never bowled better or faster and Dean Headley, having looked as if the series would pass him by, took 19 wickets in the last Gough was the talisman, his

beaming face and bursting biceps the measure of English pride, but the progress of Hussain and Ramprakash may be more significant. is possible that the England team. Test careers ended in Melbourne. If : at last have the self-esteem, and the man of selectors, too, along with a ... an otherwise inappropriate fare considered when the captainty the match, Taylor said he hoped to nade a pair and Australia lost a applause when he reached his hun-ranks of modern captains, those new coach. That, however, will not well, for Atherton made his only becomes vacant.



Taylor triumphs in the long run

the final day of this last Test, and he wore it for a purpose. The sands of time are shifting for Taylor, who may relinquish the Australian captaincy after the forthcoming tour of West Indies, and, as he said, if it was to be his last Test on native soil: "I wanted to make sure I was wearing the right outlit."

"Doing things right" is the phrase that best describes Taylor's leadership of a side that has become, under his stewardship, the strongest and most accomplished in the world. Whoever succeeds him later this year will have a splendid bequest. There is quality, depth and balance, but it has taken a clear-sighted and independent captain to release its full potential.

He has lost only two rubbers, in Pakistan and India, where the locals can be hard to cooquer oo slow, turning pitches. His 26 winning Tests include series victories, home and away, against England, South Africa, West Iodies and Pakistan. In that time Australia have become the dominant modern side, skilful- resilient and appealing to watch, not least because Taylor has sought to win every game.

Michael Henderson salutes the Australia captain, who has become one of the greats

an oblique comment on which he been blessed. Five winning tosses declined to elaborate, except to say: said the same thing last year." However, nobody doubted that this was his farewell in Australia. and he goes out as a six-times win-ner against England, thrice as plain mister, thrice as captain.

He took his leave with the dignity and modesty that one expects from him. On the field he does the right things, handling his men with skill. Off the field he says the right things, which is not as easy as It sounds. Michael Atherton, an intelligent man who knew he had to show a more sympathetic face to the world, could not do it.

Taylor is equally adept at fielding awkward questions. Even during that dreadful run of form two years ago, when he could not buy a run, and critics demanded his head, he never scowled - not in public, at any rate. As captain he bats for his side; he also bats for

He has been lucky, that much is true. Successful leaders often are. Since a poor first Test as captain in

this series is not an insignificant fact. But he has made his luck, and has taken advantage of those favourable moments, being bold when boldness was required, and shrewd when it was wise not to declare his hand.

He is modest, yes, but that does not mean he underplays his own efforts. This is a man who has made 7.500 runs in Test matches going in first, and not many Test openers manage that. He has now held more catches than anybody in the history of Test cricket and he pointed out that he set the record with a good one, low down off McGrath.

o say that Taylor has enjoyed his cricket against England is hardly to gild the lily. Six of his 19 Test hundreds have come against them, five in England, including that career-saving 129 at Edgbaston two years ago when another failure would have compelled him to stand down. Players in dressingrooms all over England, watching his innings that day, joined in the

ed among his own, as a player's player and a man's man.

Though the end is approaching for him, and one or two others, he does not worry about the tearn. "It depends on how well we can fill the holes," he said, "but we have the players to do it. We are producing some very good cricketers. Whether they are of the same Test hardness, only time will tell."

Steve Waugh, the senior mem-

ber of the Test team, will resume his leadership of the one-day side for the forthcoming triangular competition - although he will miss the first two games because of a slight hamstring tear — and he will captain Australia in the World Cup. But when the Test baton changes hands, Taylor expects Shane Warne to be in a position to haha linking Warne with an Indian bookmaker, Taylor said: "I still see him as ooe of the candidates."

Taylor made an unlikely candidate when he presented his international credentials ten years ago. He did oot hit the ball like other, more obviously gifted batsmen. In fact, he did not look an athlete at all, being tubby and slow. But the race is not always to the swift, and Taylor has proved himself the most sure-footed of men. In the

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(1 min, 5 bals)
M E Waugh
c Ramprakush b Headley 24
(200 60 mals 4 jours)

(12min, 8 bells)
† I A Heaty c Cramby b Such.
(36min, 26 balls)
S R Wangin b Heading

(37min, 29 balls, 1 four) S K Warne C Ramprakash b (24min, 12 bails) --(2mm, 2 balls) Total (64.5 overs, 287min) _____154

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16 (Seiter 14), 2-25 (Sinter 22), 3-64 (Sinter 37), 4-73 (Sinter 46), 5-91 (Sinter 59), 8-110 (Sinter 70), 7-3-91 (Sinter 59), 8-180 (MacCill 5), 9-184 (Miles 3), 8-180 (MacCill 5), 9-184 (Miles 3), 8-180 (Miles 3), 8-180 (Miles 3), 8-00 (Miles 3), 8-O. ENGLAND: First hinings

MA Bistcher thre'b Warne 36 (90min 70 bets, 4 fours) A J Standarf of Warne b McGrattu 3 (29min 77 bets) M Hassacin o'ld E Waingh b Miller 42

M Hussein o'M E Wingh b Miller, 42 (174min, 126 bels, 4 fours) M R Remprakesb. c NecGill b McGrath. (52min, 42 balls, 1 four) G A Hick o Werne b MacGill. 23 (55min, 39 bels, 1 st. 2 fours) J P Crawley o' Taylor b MacGill. 44 (116min, 75 bels, 5 fours) 4 W K Hegg b Miller. 5 (52min, 50 bels) A J Tudor b MacGill. 14 (43min, 40 bels, 2 fours)

A J. Toxior b Minocitis (43min, 40 beits, 2 fourt) O W Heindley c MoGrath b Macit (25min, 20 beits, 1 four) D Gotegh Abw b Macisist (2min, 2 beits) P M Such not cut (6min, 4 beits) Endras (b 8, fb 8, w 1 nb 4) Total (60.1 overs, 327mlg) _____ 220

Total (au.) overs, 32/mmy FALL OF WYCKETS- 1-18 (Butcher 13 2-56 (Hussein 8), 3-88 (Hussein 25 4-137 (Hussein 42), 5-138 (Crawley 2 6-171 (Crawley 19), 7-204 (Crawley 36)

SERIES AVERAGES

8-213 (Headley 1), 9-213 (Headley 1). BOWLING: McGrath 17-7-35-2 Miler 23-6-45-2; MacGill 20.1-2-57-5; Warne 20-4-67-1:

Second Innings M A Butcher at Heady b Warns 27 (60mm, 47 bels, 3 fours) "A J Stavent at Healy b MacGill 42 (83mm, 55 bels, 5 fours) N Hussahn c and b MacGill 53 (169mm, 131 bels, 2 fours) M R Ramprakash o Taylor b McGrath...

Garine, 25 bells, 1 tour)

J P Crawley flow b Miller
(22min, 14 bells)

† W K Hegg c Heely b MacGill
(10min, 10 bells)

A J Tudor b MacGill
(28min, 21 bells)

(29min, 21 belis)

D W Headley o Healy b MacGill 16

(25min, 23 belis, 2 tours)

D Gough not out.

(19min; 16 balls, 1 fcur)

P M Such c and b MacGill.

(10min; 12 balls)

Edmai (b 5, w 1, rb 5) Total (66.1 overs, 257min). FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57 (Stowart 28), 2-77 (Hussein 5), 3-110 (Hussein 21), 4-131 (Hussein 53), 5-150 (Hussein 47), 6-157 (Hussein 57), 7-162 (Houter 2), 8-175 (Heladley 12), 9-180 (Gough 1)

BOWLING: McGrath 10-1-40-1 (rb 3: 5 fours: 40-26-0, 6-1-14-1); Miller 17-1-50-1 (2 fours: 2-0-8-0 medium/4-1-11-0 spn, 3-0-7-0, 8-0-24-1, McGGBI: 22.1-4-50-7 (w 1; 5 fours: 8-1-27-1, 12.1-3-23-6); Warne 19-3-43-1 (2 fours; 15-3-31-1, 4-0-12-0).

SCORUNG NOTES: Fourth day: Lunch: 175-7 (60 overs, 245min, Tudor 3. Headley 12). Attendence: 27,754. Total match attendence: 142,282. Match greats S C G MacGil. Umphres: R S Dunne (New Zeeland) and D B Her. Third umphres S J Teutel Match reterae: J R Rend (New Zee-land).

SERIES DETAILS: Pirst (Bristiane) Drawn, Second (Perh) Australia won by 7 wickins: Third (Adalade) Australia won by 25 runs. Pourth (Melbourne) England won by 12 runs.

MacGill: 12 wickets Compiled by Bill Friedall McMillan shuts door on India

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

HAMILTON (fourth day of five): New Zealand, with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 273 runs ahead of

CRAIG McMILLAN and Adam Parore put New Zealand in command of the third and final Test of the series against India yesterday. Their 140-run partnership - a fifth-wicket record for New Zealand against India - enabled their team to reach 323 for six in their second innings by the end of the fourth day, giving them a lead of 273. That put the march almost beyond India and a draw would give

New Zealand the series 1-0. New Zealand scored only 44 runs in the two hours before lunch and, in the process, lost four wickets. McMillan and Parore, however, occupied the crease throughout the second session to completely alter the course of the innings.

McMillan drove with pow

er and punished anything short. He faced 102 balls and hit 13 fours on his way to making 84. Parore was content to play second fiddle, his half-century arriving off 120 balls and including six boundaries. McMillan and Parore even-

tually departed in quick succes-sion, but Chris Cairns and Dion Nash carried on the good work by adding 98 in the last 28 overs. The second new ball failed to restrain them as the Indian bowling fell away.

NiDUa: First Invinos 415 (R.S. Cravid 190, S. R. Terichikar 67, J. Sirrein 76, C. L. Cenns 4 for 107).

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent Brian Jackson, an experienced rubber bridge performer, showed me this unusual hold-up play. Dealer North

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by South. Lead: jack of spaces Contract: Three No-Trumps Double one was never going to be the winning play - if h held the trick. East would later get in I don't think West should bid over One Heart. One Spade has no pre-emptive effect in this sequence, and if North becomes the declarer in a suit contract it may result in East

giving away a trick on the opening lead. Make West's hand Al10976 and nothing else, and One Spade is a sound overcall. When North-South reach Three No-Trumps, I think it is wrong for East to double. He has no great surprises for declarer, and although the

lead, most of the time West would do that anyway.

At the table declarer put the king of spades on the jack, so East-West were able to clear the spades and declarer was restricted to six tricks in clubs and a spade. But after East's double declarer should have realised he had two aces. Then play-

ing the king of spades at trick

double encourages a spade

to play a spade through declarer's queen.

Try the effect of ducking the jack of spades in both hands. If West has AJ109xx, that cuts the communica-

tions. It also cuts the communication when East has Ax of spades. The only time it fails is when West has only five spades, and in that case declarer was never going to make his contract anyway.

☐ In the play-off to aid selec-tion of the next British open team, Collings (John Collings, Martin Jones, Gary Hyen. Alan Mould, Stuart and Gerald Tredinnick) beat Hackett (Paul, Jason and Justin Hackett, Tony Forrester, Tom Townsend. David Mossop) by 18 IMPs. The selectors have not yet

By Philip Howard

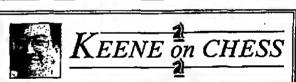
TIMKAT a. A biscuit b. A festival c. A bearing SEELING

WORD-WATCHING

FEED PREP a. Private study b. Oil process

> c. Catering FISTMELE

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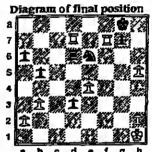
BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Sokolov leads

Ivan Sokolov maintained his lead at Hastings with a draw in the sixth round, since his main rival. Matthew Sadler. faltered and lost to James Plaskett. Sergei Shipov, the early leader regained some lost ground by defeating Mikhail

White: James Plaskett Black: Matthew Sadler Hastings Premier 1999 Sicilian Defence

2 N/3 3 Bb5+ 4 Bxd74 6 Qe2 B Bb2 9 c4 10 d4 11 Nx04 12 Kh1 13 Nd2 11 Nxd4 12 Kh1 13 Nxt2 14 f3 15 g4 16 Rg1 17 Raf1 18 Qf2 19 Qe3 31 Exd4 32 Rd7 33 Ne7+ 34 Rxe7 35 gdn5 36 Rbf7 37 Rd7



White: Sergei Shipov Black: Mikhail Saltaev Hastings Premier 1999

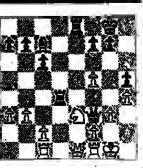
King's Indian Defence

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Ubilava — Van der Wiel, Elgoibar 1998. How did Black convert his tremendous pressure along the central files into a direct

Solution on page 38



England

ALSO BATTED: D Golph 9 inns, 43 runs): DW Headey (5 inns, 44 runs): D G Cort (4 inns, 39 runs): A J Tudor (2 inns, 35 runs): W R Hogg (4 inns, 30 runs); A D Matshy (7 inns, 20 runs); A R G Fraser (5 inns, 5 runs); P M Such (4 inns, 2 runs)

ALSO BATTED: O 8 Lehmann 14 inns, 46 tune; R 7 Porting is ions. 47 tune); CR Metr (4 inns, 17 sains); M Nicholsen (2 inns, 14 tune); G O MicCoult (5 inns, 15 tune); J N Gallegiae (1 inns, 11 tune); S K Wisting (2 inns, 10 tune); MS Kapprovitz (1 inns, 0 tune); MS Kapprovitz (1 inns, 0 tune) ALSO SOMED: 8 K Warre 37:10-110-2 N S Kasprowicz 37-10-110-2 R T Porting 4-1-10-0

Total (6 mids) 323
FALL OF WEXETS: 1-65,2-69, 3-76, 4-85, 5-225, 9-225.
BOWLING Presid 27-8-55-1; Single 152-77-1; Single 20-8-21, Kurnber 34-9-22-1, Tendular 70-30-2, Gargaty 3-1-3-0.

a Blinding b. Aquatics

c Battlefield

a. A punch-up c. An internal hernia

Wasps aim to get title challenge back on course

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THREE of the best-known clubs in London rugby are vying for supremacy in the capital at the halfway stage of the Allied Dunbar Premiership — nor can any of them be discounted as potential winners of the first division. For the time being however, neither Saracens, Wasps nor Harlequins will look much

further than the next game. At the weekend Wasps and Saracens changed places in the table, thanks to the unexpected defeat Wasps suffered at the hands of West Hartlepool in the bleak North East.

They can reverse that situation when they entertain Saracens at Loftus Road this evening and, if there was any nint of complacency among Wasps at the weekend, there will be none now. "West Har-depool played particularly well and we played particular-

Toulouse surrender their grip on trophy

BIGGER and better than its equivalent last year, The Times Trophy has thrown up an unlikely quarter-final lineup with three of the semi-finalists from last season, includ-ing both finalists, failing to progress from the pool stages (Michael Aylwin writes).

The tournament, contested by the leading university rugby clubs in Europe, is notoriously difficult to predict. with such a high turnover of players from year to year, but there were nevertheless some eve-opening results from the opening round.

Toulouse, the holders, so comfortable last season, have already capitulated to University College Dublin, the dominant force of Irish university

ly badly." Nigel Melville, director of rugby at Wasps, said. "It shows you can't afford to

have a poor game in this league and I have no doubt that West will do the same to other teams before this season is through. But I don't have any problem about the big games, about players raising themselves for the occasion."

Wasps stood as firm as any when they went to Vicarage Road in October. They came away with a 31-17 win in a game which - allied to their wayward display against Harlequins nine days earlier caused Saracens far more doubt about their immediate future than September had

suggested they should have. Moreover. Saracens remain without François Pienaar. their captain-coach, whose foot injury keeps him out. However, Alain Penaud

hosts to Northumbria.

rugby. They now go through to face Brunel, conquerors of Swansea, the beaten finalists last season, at the Richmond Athletic Ground today. Shane Roiser. Trinity Carmarthen are the only Welsh side left in the draw after defeats for their more illustrious compatriots. Swansea and University of Institute Cardiff (UWIC), who reached the

semi-finals last season. UWIC ing the side. lost to Loughborough, who Sims has been linked with now travel to the south of France to meet Grenoble, the French champions. Trinity Carmarthen entertain Haroer Adams, who had a resounding win over Durham, while the fourth quarter-final sees University College Cork play

good form of late. "Where we play Lawrence depends upon whom he is playing with." Melville said.

"We are very pleased with Eben and we have Joe Worsley on the bench, who can act as an impact player."

Andy Reed is preferred to

Simon Shaw at lock, Simon

returns at fly half, having

come through a fitness test

relief to Gavin Johnson, who

returns to his natural position

of full back, from which he

scored an injury-time try

against Wasps ten weeks ago.

rence Dallaglio, the England

captain, from blind-side flank-

er to No 8, a position that he

frequently occupies in the

national side, whatever the

number on his back may say.

That allows the inclusion of

Eben Rollitt, who has been in

Wasps have moved Law-

That will be a considerable

yesterday on his "dead leg".

Mitchell and Darren Molloy rejoining the front row.

Mitchell is set for a decent run at hooker as Trevor Leota. the stalwart Samoan, is likely to be missing for three weeks after damaging a knee against Gloucester. Paul Sampson. who won such plaudits for the decisive try against Gloucester, gives way on the wing to

Gloucester have a problem to resolve with David Sims. their captain, who has been omitted from the first XV since mid-November. Sims, 29, has been overshadowed by Mark Cornwell, while Roh Fidler, his fellow lock, has been lead-

Cardiff and Bristol but has 18 months of his contract remaining and Richard Hill, the director of rugby, is keen not to lose one of his forward assets.

We would like Dave to stay at the club and fight for his place," Hill said.



Gillett, of England, watched by McMahon, of Australia, rolls the jack during their first-round pairs match yesterday

Schuback keeps his nerve

Schuback, who is regarded by bowls enthusiasts as a sort of Crocodile Dundee, turned almost certain defeat into a 7-4, 7-3, 4-7, 2-7, 7-6 victory for him and his fellow Australian, Ian Taylor, in the first round of the world indoor

pairs championship at Potters Leisure Resort on the Norfolk coast yesterday. Having won the first two sets, Taylor and Schuback were pegged back by Rowan Brassey, of New Zealand, and Steve Glasson, of Australia, who won the next two and looked the likely

winners when they led 6-5 in

the decider. On what turned out to be the last end. Brassey set up a match lie, but Taylor, the man with the impossibly complicated delivery, trailed the jack expertly to a back position, and settled down approximately 18 inches in front of the little white ball. Glasson, ranked No 1 in

David Rhys Jones watches one of

the most endearing characters

in bowls upstage Australia's No l Australia, drew beautifully to

restore the match lie, but Schuback, like a master marksman, ruthlessly struck the shot off the rink. Glasson, surprisingly unable to repeat the accuracy of the first bowl, then finished two yards short.

Already holding one shot, Schuback was left with the easiest task of drawing the winner. "Anywhere within two yards would have done," he said. "If I'd missed that, I'd have been looking for a rope

to hang myself," Earlier, Schuback, always favourite with the Guild Hall crowd at Preston, and now the darling of Potters, produced an astonishing conversion shot to win the first set, when the scores were level at 4-4. Brassey and Glasson

held a set lie, with three good shots near the jack, when a Schuback bullseye removed all three red-disc bowls, and left three yellow-disc bowls in

a scoring position. Five bowlers from the southern hemisphere participated yesterday: in the first match, Mark McMahon, who lives and works in Sydney, partnered David Gourlay, of Scotland, into the

McMahon lends a cosmopolitan dimension to the arena: born in Dunfermline. he played bowls internationally for Hong Kong. He gave Gourlay a good start, matching and often beating Les Gillett, The Times/Taylor English Bowler of the Year in 1998, to the jack.

skip, who will be 24 next month, played well enough to suggest he will be a force to be reckoned with in future. and the match looked destined to go the full distance.

The English pair won the margins, and, although they lost the next two, they appeared comfortable in the fourth, only to concede two successive doubles and allow the No5 seeds to case through, 6-7; 7-5, 7-4, 7-4. ...

"We played two loose ends, and paid the penalty," Newman, who reached the quarter-finals of the world indoor singles championship last year, said. "It's especially important to be consistent in two-bowl pairs, and they were more consistent than us particularly towards the end of each set."

FRIST ROUND: M McMehon (Aus) and O Gouday (Scot) of 1. Gilett and R Newman (Engl 6-7, 7-5, 7-4, 7-4; 17aylor and 1 Schu-beck (Aus) of R Brassy (M2) and S Class-aon (Aus) 7-4, 7-3; 4-7, 2-7, 7-6.

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Gateshead choose Walters as captain

M RUGBY LEAGUE: Kerrod Walters, 31, the former Australia hooker, was esterday named captain of the new Gateshead Thursder club, whose first competitive game is against Leeds Rhinosat Gateshead International Stadium in the JJB Super League, on March 7. Walters was in the second wave of imported players. who arrived from Australia on New Year's Day. Work permits are still awaited for the last two Australian players to be signed. Brett Green, a forward, and Brett Grogan, a centre. Sheffield Eagles, who failed with two earlier attempts to sign Paul Anderson, 21, from St Helens, have agreed to pay the £10,000 asking price for the utility player.

E CRICICET: Somerset have appointed Jamie Cox. the l'asmanian batsman, as their captain and overseas player for next season. Cox has been the Tasmania vice-captain under David Boon's leadership for the past three seasons. Peter Anderson, Somerset's chief executive, said. "We were looking for a proven top-order batsman with captaincy ability who would be available for the whole season. We believe we have

SQUASH: Two exceptional players emerged from the semi-finals of the CGU British junior open championships at Abbeydale Park in Sheffield yesterday. James Willstrop, a 6ft 3in 15-year-old from Pontefract. defeated Alberto Manso, of Spain, 1-9, 9-5, 9-3, 9-1 in the semi-final of the boys' under-17 championship while Omar Refaat, 14, from Egypt, defeated Dylan Bennett, of Holland, 9-2, 9-4, 9-3 in the boys' under-15 championship.

found such a player."

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RACING: TBA CHAIRMAN CALLS FOR DECLARATION OF VENDOR PURCHASES

Phantom sales haunt breeders

BY CHRIS McGRATH

A SKELETON in the cupboard of commercial breeding was dragged into the open yesterday, though it would proba-bly be more accurately described as a phantom. Nigel Elwes, chairman of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA), used its annual general meeting in London to draw attention to the masquerade of undisclosed "vendor purchases" at public yearling auctions - which shadowy practice lurks, in his estimation, behind as many as 20 per cent of sales.

it is common knowledge in the bloodstock world that some top vendors enlist satellite interests or agents to inflate the value of yearlings, especially those by a new stal-lion for whom they wish to cre-ate a vogue. Setting a trend will have paid for itself by the time the young horse in question resurfaces to race under its breeder's own umbrella.



Since these phantom sales are particularly potent at the elite end of the market. Elwes clearly believes that they land it a veneer of fake gold - as well as coating a corresponding layer

of grime over its integrity.

The practice of vendors buying back their own horses without disclosing it is most unsatisfactory, particularly as it sends totally the wrong message about the real financial health of the market," he said. 'It is illegal in the art market. but, unfortunately, it is now. common practice, encouraged by the introduction of sales races." (These, lavishly supported by the sponsoring sales company, are restricted to graduates

of a particular auction.) He added: "When this practice is used to boost the value tal point. I think it's wrong you. of offspring of stallious, many can have a non-sale recorded will urge the BHB to persuade of which are foreign owned, as a sale of have no problem the Government otherwise mercial stallions in this counbact of buybacks; and to press for concessions in try. As it is, there are only 20 bred would be flimsy.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

12.45 (im) 1. Delight Of Date: 15 Car-son, 11-5; 2. Homesteed (6-1); 3. Betagn (14-1). Sharp Scotch 41 av. 12 ara; 3-1. E. Wheeler, Tota: 19.30; E2.50; E2.30 £4.70 DF: £26.20, CSF: £35.89, Tricage £412.63.

1.15 (Im 59 1, Lutite Bury 1G Creiter, 14-1); 2. Moradi (9-2 ji-fev); 3; Evezio Rufo (9-2 ji-fev), 4; ran, 5; 6; 5; Williams, Tots; £17-31; £370, £170, £170, DE: 2143.70, CSP; £72.49, Tricest £313.23.

1.45 (8) 1. Krystal Max (Kimberley Hart, evere fav); 2. Speedy Classic (7-4); 3. Best of Our Days (16-1); 7 rar. 4, 24, T. Barron Tote: \$2.10; \$1.48, \$1.10, DF: \$3.00 CSF: \$2.67.

2.15 (S) 1. Versita Vibrate (Kimberley, Hart, 33-1); 2. La Piezza (3-4) (-iso); 3. Piezza (3-4) (-iso); 3. Piezza (3-4) (-iso); 5.4 (-iso)

2.45 ((m) 1, Pippes Pride (F Norton, 33-1); 2, Clonoe (6-1); 3, High Noon (3-1 lav), 12 ran, 2, 3i, M Perherstori-Godley Total: 532.80, 212.50, 524.0, 52.40, 0P: 295.80, CSF: \$275.01, Tricest 1974.58.

Lingfield Park



DANOLI, above, will be joining the Irish pilgrimage to Chekenham this year. The popular II-year-old has been dogged by injury, but will be among the entries for the Tote Gold Cup at today's near deadline. noon deadline.

Tom Foley, his trainer, is confident that his charge will be fit to take his place alongside a glittering array of stars, led by the King George VI Chase winner, Tecton Mill, and Florida Pearl in the blue riband event on March 17. "We've entered him and he'll definite-

ly be there," Foley said. "It's something I'm looking forward to." Danoli shot to fame when securing victory in the Sun Alliance Novices

Hurdle at the 1994 Cheltenham Festival. But he sustained a serious leg inju-ry when winning the Martell Aintree Hurdle in 1995, and problems since then have made him difficult to train. But Foley reported: "So far so good with him. He's been ridden out for the last nine days and is fine. The plan is now to go for the Hennessy Cognac and then on to Cheltenham." Foley believes that Florida Pearl --

Gold Cup at Leopardstown next month

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another likely participant in cext month's Hennessy—is the horse to beat at Cheltenham. "He made a silly mistake when he came down last time at Leopardstown and still has a point to prove, but he's still the one as far as I am concerned," he said. "Teeton Mill looked good at Kempton, but I would question the form of some of the horses that finished behind him."

urge the sales companies to declare vendor purchases, however they may be disguised, so that we can get a proper valuation of the market."

Elaborating his comments.
Elwes said: It is obvious that certain foreign and Irish stallion owners are well aware of the attractions of promoting the progeny of their new, up-

and coming stallions."
He added: "It's a fundamen-

12.50 Walk On By.

1.20 GI Blues

1.50 Lord Khalice:

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prog bendicap: Armelii, 9-12.

but I do with the fact that they re undisclosed. My guess is that 15 to 20 per cent of the horses at the main yearling sales in this country are subject to imdisclosed buybacks." Elwes, soon to become the

-TBA's first nominated director to the British Horseracing Board (BHB), is anxious that the outside world is not de-.ceived that headlines of record-breaking purchases betoken a thriving market. He will urge the BHB to persuade

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lable to Irisb stallion owners.
They must surely realise that they're losing huge amounts of revenue through the migration of mares to Ireland," he said, noting that Brit-

Arab-owned and supported).

In the long term, however, perhaps the interest of breeders needs to be even more urgently engaged by Anthony Stirk, the veterinary experwho gave a talk on racehorse injury and death in the context of pedigree and upbringing. His warnings about the consequences to the breed, if stallions offering stamina continue to be neglected, were as romercial stallions in this coun- bust as the resulting thorough-

British-based sires standing at a fee of over £10,000 (mostly

2.20 SEVENOAKS NOVICES CHASE

response to tax incentives avai-

ish breeders last year paid

Ir£16.4 million to Irish stallion

owners in covering fees alone.

That ignores the keep of

mares while at stud in Ireland.

I'm afraid this migration will

continue until we make it fi-

oancially viable to stand com-

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Teachy), previously fleet Kingdold Ps. St. in 8-tuned novice charge at Kingdold Ps. St. in 8-tuned novice charge at Kingdold Ps. St. in 8-tuned novice at Kingdold Ps. St. in 8-tuned novice at Kingdold Ps. St. in 10 to 10 tuned tuned to 10 tuned tuned to 10 tuned tune

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3.20 ROCK SAINT CHALLENGE TROPHY (HANDICAP CHASE)

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3.00 WILLIAM HILL (SHOWCASE HANDICAP AND TOTE TRIFECTA RACE) (3-Y-O: £5,919: 1m 100yd) (8)

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3.30 HURRICANE HANDICAP (£3,583: 1m 4f) (8)

5-2 Dancing Rev. 3-1 Assault. 0-2 Failed To Hit. 5-1 Manders. 7-1 others.

4.00 BLIZZARD SELLING STAKES

(Div II: £1,497: 1m 1f 79yd) (8) 5-2 Bunning 3-1 Aresh, 6-1 Aller Cyrano, Melt The Clouds, 7-1 others

4.30 MONSOON HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £2.775: 50 (8)

1 132- THORNARY GIRL 8 (D.B.) 1 Borron 9-7 ________ O Peors 5 2 512- TROUAN BIRL 11 (RF.C5) N Latinodius 9-1 T G attcl.mightan 7 3 000- OH I SAY 81 (D.F.S) Mars G kelfrady 8-12 _____ S Wittworth 3 4 500- AMBER JASHINE 83 P Hastan 8-11 _____ P Goode (7) 8 5 605- LEGAL VENTURE 15 (Y.D.F) N Latinodes 6-10 .R Thomas (7) 1 6 605- LATIVICADE 15 (D.G.) Deny 8-7 ______ Paralley (7) 5 7 054- SHARP REYTHIN 71 M Johnston 8-1 ______ Familing 4 5 346- NICHOLAS MISTRESS 15 P Evass 7-12 _____ C Cogan (7) 2 9-4 Terrazzo, 7-2 Nobimover 6-1 Handsome Henry, 8-1 Perky Brave, 18-1 others 3-1 Thomashy Gel. 9-2 Tropin Gel. 5-1 Archer Jesmane, 11-2 Ladycabe, 7-1 others

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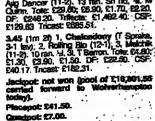
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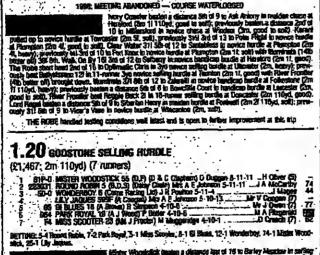
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HANDICAP HURBLE (\$1,706: 2m 3f 110yd) (9 numers)

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1.50 HAXTED MOVICES CHASE (£2,736; 3m) (8 numers) 113-22 TRUE FORTUNE 18 to D.G.S. Li Miller) V Dartsalt 9-11-8 J Collecty (1992)
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2.50 HORLEY MAIDEN HURDLE

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(£3,543: 2m 4l 110yd) (5 runners) BETTING: 11-10 Mass PromyAR. 13-8 Strong Staff, 11-2 Overdones, 14-1 Andres Deady, 25-1 Bentana Large

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3.50 SOUTHERN COUNTIES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,710: 2m 110yd) (7 runners)

BETTING: 7-4 Technoly's CAE, 4-1 Shareh, 5-1 Suranom, 5-1 Sherichay, 7-1 Take A Torn, 5-1 Grand Che. 20-1 Tak.

er. 4.00 Mell The Clouds.

Money-men hound **Bassett out** of office

Rob Hughes says firing the Forest

manager is easier than replacing him

FIRING Dave Bassett in the first week of January is akin to dismissing the director of a poorhouse because the children appear less well-nourished, less sure of their social standing, than royalty.
It is bleak midwinter by the

Trent. Supporters are understandably deeply unhappy with a team that has gone 17 FA Carling Premiership matches without a win and succumbed to struggling Portsmouth in the FA Cup. But, in

HARRY'S GAME

1944: Born September 4 in Wembley 1973: Captains Waton & Hersham to vic-lory in Ameleur Cup final against Slough 1974: Joins Wimbledon, then in Southern 981: Succeeds Dano Gradi as manager of

1981: Succeeds Dano Gradi as manager of Wirnbledon, now in that division. 1982-84: Fourth-division tille fotious relegation. Agrees to become Crystal Palace manager but changes his mind within a week and slays at Plough Lane. 1996: Whis promotion to old first division. 1997-89: Jons Wationd but within half a season movos to Sheffield United 1989-80: Successive promotions take United back into first division 1994: Relegated from Premer League 1995: Leaves Bramel Lane on December 12 by mutual agreement. 12 by mutual agreement 1996: Jons Crystal Palace as manager 1997: Resigns to become general manager of Nottingham Forest and later manager

reality, they are not facing up to the fact that their club was not only attempting to bye beyond its means, but also that the plc was expecting to

make a profit from it. That is the wider fool's game that has engulfed the Premiership, where less than a handful of mega-rich clubs are drawing away from the

THERE was a degree of circumstantial evidence in support of Ruud Gul-

lit's claims of a Newcastle United

curse last night, when it emerged that

Duncan Ferguson, the club's £8 mil-

lion striker, had undergone surgery on

his injured groin. Initial estimates sug-

ferred attacking partnership for up to

A catalogue of injury and illness has

ensured that Ferguson has played just

one complete game alongside Alan

Shearer since signing from Everton

two months ago. He limped out of Newcastle's defeat away to Liverpool

nine days ago and is unlikely to return

relatively speaking, in the poverty trap of the highestspending league in the world. Bassett has proven many times that he is a second-half man in that, come the latter part of the season, he wills players to Houdini acts. He did it with Sheffield United and Wimbledon, he figured in six promotions and countless acts of brinkmanship against relegation. He is the eternal

shoestring manager. He might, at 54, have exhausted the remarkable passions that his career has demonstrated, but surely Nigel Wray, chairman of the plc. and Irving Scholar, the director of football, are not the men to judge his energy levels. They are absentee landlords. Wray more involved with Saracens rugby club, Scholar a resident of Monaco.

Over the years Bassett had shown himself to be one of the most honest and ebullient managers. An England amateur international, his forte became making professional players more profession-al, and anyone who witnessed him on the Sheffield United training ground, breathing conviction into indifferent footballers, knows that it is easier to sack him than replace him.

Of course, the paltry crowd of barely 10,000 at the City Ground on Saturday vented their wrath on the manager. Some of those fans had known the achievements of Brian Clough, who brought to them the European Cup in successive seasons. Living up to

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quirements.

to the side until the middle of next

A more permanent departure could

be imminent in the shape of Philippe

Albert, the former Belgium interna-

tion with reserve-team football yester-

day. Bradford City will head the queue

for the 31-year-old central defender

should Gullit deem him surplus to re-

Gullit could find himself short of

central defenders should Newcastle

fail to initiate contract negotiations

with Steve Howey. While the club



Clough's legacy was, and is, beyond Nottingham Forest. Frank Clark, his prodigy, flirted with it, failed and left, Bassett, bringing Forest up from the first division last summer, must have known instantly that they had not paid the price of admission to the Premiership. Rather than improve the team, Bassett returned from holiday to find that the club, the plc, had sold Kevin Campbell to Trabzonspor, of Turkey.

That split a partnership between Campbell and Pierre van Hooijdonk which had netted 52 of Forest's 82 league goals in the lower division. Van Hooijdonk, abjectly unprofessional, simply withdrew

Ferguson faces six weeks on sidelines

BY GEORGE CAULKIN

his labour. Maybe he was justified in asserting that Forest lacked the ambition to stay in the top flight, but his action destroyed team morale and began there and then to destroy the work of Bassett.

Yet still the club sold, allowing Colin Cooper to return to Middlesbrough, thus weakening their defence. To say that Bassett attempted to replace those players with inferior men is like sending out into the market a man with holes in his purse and expecting him to bring home pearls.

Dave Bassett, in the past, could do it. Peter Reid, with Sunderland, can do it. But there are very, very few who, by dint of their own personality, their almost inexhaustible passion, can keep raising teams to be greater than the sum of their parts. Rumour has it that Ron Atkinson is next for the job. The fans crave the return of Stuart Pearce Who knows, the absentee landlords may even bring on Clough ... that is Nigel Clough, not, alas, the original.

Dismissing the manager when all around the club is sinking is the roulette-wheel course of the desperate club proprietor. It is easier than accepting that somebody has to be the loser and that the ever-increasing gap in English football predetermines that, nine times out of ten, it is the

Paulo Wanchope, their Costa Rica

striker, for his recent dismissal against

Middlesbrough, while Patrick Vieira must serve a similar ban for being sent

off away to Chariton Athletic, the Foot-

ball Association ruled after reviewing

ing of Frode Kippe, the Norwegian

teenager, today. Kippe, 19, the Lillestrom centre back, underwent a

medical yesterday with a view to a

£700,000 deal. Lee Sharpe yesterday

became David Platt's first signing as

Sampdoria manager. Sharpe will move from Leeds United on loan until

video evidence yesterday.

TELEVISION CHOICE The house of the future

Dream House BBC1.7.30pm

To the ever lengthening list of programmes hosted by Carol Vorderman is now added this series on the house of the future. It will take shape over six programmes and seek to dazzle us with its advanced technology and eco-friendliness. It will also seek to show that prefabrication is not a dirty word. The big event tonight is the arrival, in one package, of the bathroom. To prove that it works Vorderman herself is pressed into taking a shower. an event that would probably earn the highest ratings in television history did not the camera step back at the last moment. Presented in a jokey, game show style which six proomfortably with its serious content, the series also features high-tech makeovers, other people's dream houses and consumer testing of household gadgets.

Battle of die Senes BBC2 8.00pm

This series on sex in the animal kingdom should find particular favour with women in the South of England. For it is they, according to a survey by the Glasgow Media Group, who most enjoy sex scenes in wildlife programmes. Battle of the Sexes starts by looking at the tactics employed by males to attract females. Those who have followed Sirparities of the starts of the sexes o David Attenborough's neuvre may not be too surprised by what they see, but credit to the pro-gramme-makers for the breadth of their examples. gramme-makers for the breadth of their enaughes. We see built bison elephant scals using violence to see off-rivals and witness the no less ferocious courf-stup battles of the stalk-eyed files. The supreme sacrifice is made by the red-tailed phascogale, a small Australian marsupial. Males become so charged with sex hormones as they compete for females that after mating they die exhausted.

Survival Special: Lion Queen ITV. 9.00pm

Scarface, so named after a black scar above her right eye, is a lioness with an unruly past. In her youth she was one of Kenya's big bad cats, a killer of sheep and cattle. For such behaviour she could have been shot. But instead of falling to a marksman's bullet, Scarface was taken to Nakuru National Park and installed as the founder

Haie and Pace try race commentat Jobs for the Boys (BBCI, 10.15pm)

member of a new pride. Barbara Tyack's film fol-lows the experiment over two years, during which tows starface, her daughters and granddaughters extend the family by giving birth to cubs and the pride comes under threat from three voting bachelor lions from another part of the park. The most spectacular footage is of lions chasing their favourite meal, the warthog, and of Scarface having to take refuge up a tree to escape the atten-tions of a herd of buffalo.

BBC1, 10.15pm

PBCI, 10.15pm

You know the idea by now — the comedians. Gareth Hale and Norman Pace take on somebody else's job with every chance they will make fools of themselves in front of millions of viewers. Here they have agreed to commentate for BBC. Television on one of the most testing of sporting assignments, a horse race. Identifying the rutiness correctly at every stage is difficult enough, and viewers expect informed analysis as well. True to the format, Hale and Pace seek advice from the professionals and meet nothing but discouragement. Des Lynam says it would take them 15 years to do the job property, and they have only five months. Eventually we come to a Saunday afternoon on Grandstand and it is over to Hale and Pace at Aimtree. They look as nervous as most peo-Pace at Aimtree. They look as nervous as most peo-ple watching will feet. Peter Waymark

Fantasy Evening Concert Classic FM: 9.00pm

Why fantasy? Simply because the choice of music isn't Classic FM's but that of a listener who is given a once in a lifetime chance to imagine he is a musical impresario with a small fortune to spend on putting together the kind of concert about which he has always dreamf. Tonighn's fantasy concert — on courte actually. records; naturally - is assembled entirely from items selected by Gordon Thompson, of Croydon. His funtasies are not those of other Classic EM faithfuls who prefer to stick to familiar favourites. Tonight's include Boughton's Symphony No 3. Finals Cello Concerto and Party's Overture to an Unwritten Tragedy. Mr Thompson does make one concession to popular taste and it is Butterworth's enchanting Banks of Green Willow.

RADIO 1 (BBC)

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RADIO 2 (BBC)

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RADIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

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VIRGIN

5.30mm Chris Evens 9.30 Russ Williams 1.00mm Nick Abbot 4.00 Bobby Hain 7.30 Harrier Scott 10.00 Mark Forrest 1.00mm James Merritt 4.30 Jeremy Clark

TALK RADIO

6.00em Sil Overton & Safty Meen 0.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lonaine Kelly 2.00pm Anne Reebum 4.00 Peter Desley 5.00 The Sports Zone 9.00 James Whate 1.00em Jan-Collins

Afternoon Play: A Love Song to the Boses Radio 4, 2.15pm

Its timilar vehicles apart. Sarah Woods's drama-documentary has nothing to do with the Flanders and Swann ditty about the London omnibus. Woods has written a highly complex account of a journey through the mind of a victim of Asperger's, Syndrome, a form of autism. The actual voice of Diministrate artistic coverness to commented by

Dimitri, the autistic savant, is complemented by two actors (Victoria Worsley and David Reubin) as his inner voices. The three of them interact with each other as Dimitri, trying to give his life some semblance of purpose, draws obsessively on the timetables and routes of the local bus company. His state of mind will be better understood if you have seen the film Rain Man to which Dustin Hoffman played an autistic savant.

Peter Davalle

BEC WORLD SERVICE

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8-4, 6-7, 6-1; C Ruben (US) bit M J Fernender (US) 7-6, 3-6, 6-2; K Brandt (US) bit E
Lott (Fr) 6-1, 6-2; S Cace (US) bit 1 Selyubrat (Yaz) 7-6, 6-3; M Saehi (Japan) bit C Constox (Romi) 6-2, 6-1; K Boogen (HoR) bit S
Smith (GB) 6-3, 7-6; L Beker (NZ) bit M Cremaris (HoB) 6-3, 7-6.

Answers from page 35 TIMKAT

drums, and everybody chants.

(b) The Festival of Epiphany in the Ethiopian Church. The clergy form two parallel lines, facing inwards, with drums at the

SEELING (a) An old method of obscuring the sight of a hawk by passing threads through the lower eyelids and tying them behind the head.

ends. The lines move inwards and outwards in time with the

(b) A process whereby the residue of crude petrol after atmospheric distillation is distilled again under vacuum. FISTMELE (b) In archery, the distance between the handgrip on the belly

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Evening Concert, Parry (Overture to an Unwritten Tragedy),
Garald Finzi (Cello Concerto); Buftenvortin (The Banks of Green
Willow); Boughton (Symphony No 3 In B minor). See Choice
11.00 Mann at Night 2.00em Concerto (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air with Stephane Hughes, Includes
Beethoven (Plano Soneta in G. Op 14 No 2);
Shostakovich (Festival Overture); Brahms (Three
Hungarian Denoes); Wientewski (Potorese No 1)
9.00 Masterworks with Peter Hobday, Handel
(Concete grosso in A. Op 6 No 11); Râmeéu (La
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10.30 Artist of fine Weeks Dietrich Fischer-Dieskats
11.00 Sound Stories: Five Painters — Joseph
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2.00 The BBC Orchestras BBC Philiramonic under Yan Pascel Torrelier, Julian Lloyd Webber, callo 4.00 Epipharry Carol Service Live from the Chapel of Trinky College, Cambridge, a special service of carols and secular readings to mark the anival of Epipharry, Director of music Richard Marlow Corres scholars Thomas Richard Marlow Corres scholars Thomas Richard Marlow Milliams.

Organ scholars Thomas Blunt and Mark Williams
5.00 in Tune Sean Rafferty explores settings of The
Jungle Book and other Rudyard Kipting sessures.
7.30 Performance on 3: A Baroque Double Bill.
Purcel's one-act opera Dido and Aeneas

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recorded at last year's Luftransa Festival of Beroque Music. This concert pairs Purcelt's enduring masterpiece with Acteon, by Marc-Antoine Charpentier. Katerina Karneus, mezzo, Sophie Denremen, sopran, St James's Baroque Singers and Players under Ivor Botton.

9.15 Postscript: Flottadity — Thanik Your for My Baby by Alson Joseph (3/5) (7)

9.35 Stravinsky Conducts Stravinsky Stravinsky (Jeu de cattes). Performed by the Cleveland Orchestra 16.00 Ensemble Includes Schumaan (Prano Trio No 2 In F. Op 30): Performed by Varya Milanova, violin, Paul Waltins, cello, Caroline Palmer, prano 10.45 Night Warvas Patrick Wright Considers the changing nature of illness in the modern age as observed in the labist book by the award winning American writer David B. Monis.

11.30 Jazz Notes The concluding part of a concert featuring the National Youth Jazz Orchestra.

12.00 Composer of the Week: Saint-Sawas (1)

1.00am Terrough the Night with Donald Macleod.

1.00 Wagner (Wesendonk-Lieder), Bruchner (Symphony No 3 in D minor) 2.15 Weber (Clarinet Quintet in B list, Op 34] 3.20 Gershwin (Rhapsody in Blue) 4.35 Gneg (Peer Gynt Surte No 2) 5.10 Erahme (Piano Cuartet No 2 in A. Op 25)

Pat Coombsic 7.15 Front Row Francine Stock

Laurie Taylor and guests 5.00 PM with Charie Lee-Potter 6.00 Shr O'Clock News 6.30 Like They're Never Been Gone June Whitlield stars in Mike Coleman's comedy about a multiply antagonistic Eurovision-winning duo suddenly thrust back into the limetight. With Roy Hudd and Bet Promiselts.

5.30em World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast 5.40 Inshore Forecas 5.45 Prayer for the Day with Lavenia Byrne 5.47 Farming Today Rural issues, with Anna H 5.00 Today with James Naughtie and Windfred 9.00 Midweek with the Times columnist Libby Purves

9.45 (LW) Daily Service. 9.45 (FM) Serial: The Vanished World (3/5)

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10.00 Women's Hour with Jenn Murray and guests
11.00 The Reclaimers The author Peter Benchley asks
who should own valueble artefacts salwaged from showeds
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1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarke
1.30 Wildbrein Lionel Kellewey chars the second
semi-final of the wildlife quiz
2.00 The Archers (r)

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2.15 Afternoon Plays A Love Song to the Busins-Sarah Woods's tale about an autistic ment traveling on the West Middland busies. With Victoria Worsley and David Reubin. See Choice
3.00 Gerdeners' Question Time Nigel Colbotn. Bob Plowerdew and Arma Swithinberik answer questions from gardeners in Derbyshre (r)
3.30 The Meeting Pot Tom Jaine explores communism's custinary consequences in the Belicans
3.45 This Sceptred Isle Arma Massey manages the history of Britain, drawing on the worde of Winston-Chuschit, Read by Paul Eddington (r)
4.00 Case Notes Special Tracey Logan explores how science can help interfile couples (r)
4.20 Thinking Allowed — The Larger Map with

7.00 The Archers 7.15 Front Row Francine Stock presents the arts programme
7.45 Under One Roof by Michele Hanson (r)
8.00 Them and Us Diana Madilit chairs a debate on whether asylum seekers place too great a burden on their host country. From Haringey Civic Centre Sattes of Complaint Tony Hawks examines the Sattes of Complaint Tony Hawks examines the Sattes section of complaining.
9.00 Animals Behaving Badily Mike Carwardine sinveys arthrocal habits among animals (3/4)
9.30 Michwelt (r) 10.00 The World Tonlight.
10.45 Book at Bedtitmer Narsa Part three of Emile Zola's novel, read by Juliet Steverson.
11.00 Late Night on 4: Sean Lock's 15 Minutes of Misery The award-winning cornectiant Sean Lock presents his own brand of downbeat mith from his South London lower block. With Kevin Edon and Hattie Hayndge.

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11.15 For One Hornble Moment New sense. Peter Brackhaw's darky humorous account of a boy's transition to adulthood in 1970s Cambridgeshire, beginning with the crotic repercussions of a playground encounter (1/5).

11.30 The Cheese Shop Present Comedy statches, with Steve Davies, Jack Finsborough and songs by Ted Ruby. The Butter Factor (r).

12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: The Restraint of Beasts-Gavin Muir reads part eight of Magnus Mills's tale.

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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hy did Padstow's most fa-mous chef travel all the just wasn't the same. way to Naples to kick off his new cookery series, Rick

Not that Rick actually travelled to the Naples we ourselves see when we get off the plane. He was Because that way he could be sure of laying his hands on that key in 16-year-olds avoiding traffic jams by driving their Vespas along hy even the most simple dishes abroad: a large balcony that looks for horses' heads they could slip out over a spectacular view. Annomic Carbuccio did it carbuccio did it. Naples, the men behaved like ex-(though he occasionally had to im- tras in a Fellini movie, and the women all talked like Sophia Loren. "This is like making love," purred Giovanna Rafforne, a Neapolitan explaining the depth of her-passion for food. "Making love is not just physical sex — it's love for everything, the flowers, the sea. Love for cooking is part of all that." beans in this crazy world of television cookery. Delia Smith made a half-hearted stab at it in her recent series by having a new kitchen specially built in her glass-walled conservatory; it afforded leafy views

over the countryside beyond, but it dients and care about them. Italy is about passion and flavours. They couldn't give a stuff about coriander and lemongrass. They just want to know where the best tomatoes and lemons come from." In this, Rick pinpointed one of the glories of Italian food: Italians have been cooking these dishes for centuries and have reached the conclusion that if they could be improved by adding galangal and coconut milk, then someone would have done it by now. Critics might call this attitude insular. Fans rejoice

T et in his quest for simplici-Y ty, Rick experiences erratic and alarming mood swings: one moment he's a gentle soul, rhapsodising romantically about tomatoes: the next he ignites like a chip-pan fire, inveighing against "film-flam garnishes" and "bits of whatnot on the top"; and the next he's reciting emotionally

REVIEW

Joe

Garnished with a balcony and sea view



from Tennyson and Conrad, as though afflicted by a peculiarly articulate form of Tourette's syn-

Naturism documentaries may not be the new rock 'n' roll, but they're fast turning into the new television cookery show. Soon everybody'll be making one. You wait years for a film-maker to take his clothes off in front of the camera, and then suddenly two naked film-

makers come along at once. Don the trouble to point out that nud-Boyd's Full Frontal in Flip Flops ism is not just about a group of peo-(ITV) lost some of its punch coming so soon after Channel 4's documentary which covered similar ground (flesh?). It was another gawp at a bunch of people you won't be seeing rifling enthusiasti-cally through the clothes racks in the January sales. But what it lost in punch it made up for in paunch - Boyd's paunch - as we watched the director struggle entertaining-

ked at Sue and Dave's wedding reception along with the guests. Any thought that the naked option might have been his way of saving money on hiring a morning coat at Moss Bros was soon dispelled when Boyd took to the nudist lifestyle with all the passion of the newly liberated convert. Once he'd taken the plunge, it was hard for Boyd to keep his genitals out of camera shot. But Boyd also took

ly with the dilemma of whether or

not to join his subjects and go na-

ple who feel persecuted by society because they find clothes restrictive. He interviewed James Scarlett, who was raided by Customs after they'd intercepted naturist videos showing a French holiday camp, in which children were frolicking naked. Scarlett eventually won his case.

B ut what was intriguing about this episode was not that it made you wonder why anybody would want to watch a video of a French holiday camp, it was the startling advocacy skills of Scarlett's lawyer, who told Boyd that: "You cannot possibly take items like this and take them off the market and all of a sudden paedophilia as a problem will disappear. As a lawyer I have occasion-ally had to deal with cases of besitality: that doesn't mean to say that you shouldn't be allowed to take

ly a bewitching argument, especially if you've had a lot to drink. Launching a new series of Great Railway Journeys (BBC2), tan His-lop travelled mostly hopefully across India — from Calcutta m

photographs of sheep." It's certain-

the East to Jaisalmer in the Westsomehow pulling off the trick of doing many of the travelogue things you see television visitors do in India but making them seem fresh. Maybe Hislop's engaging and observant journey will do for Indian tourism what Delia did for such familiar staples as eggs and omelette pans, and we'll all find ourselves booking holidays on the enticing "palace on wheels" from Jaipur to Jodhpur this year. But as he hung, sweating, from the strap of one of Calcutta's new subway trains. Hislop - packed in as snug as a cigarette in a new pack of Marlboros - loid us: "You don't really go to India. You get in it." Still, at least they weren't all naked, too.

BBC1 6.00am Business Breakfast (41254) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (87983) 9.00 Kilroy (T) (8936761) 9.45 The Vanessa Show (1) (5309631) 10.55 News; Weather (T) (7275525)

Stein's Seafood Odyssey (BBC2)?

Because that way he could be sure

gredient needed to cook successful-

ly even the most simple dishes

nio Carluccio did it, also in Italy

provise by cooking on a hillside). Ken Hom did it, stir-frying his scal-

lops al fresco in California. Now

Rick's done it. You can feel pretty

confident that if a country doesn't

have the sort of architecture that ac-

commodates balconies, then its cui-

sine doesn't amount to a hill of

beans in this crazy world of televi-

11-00 Real Rooms (7285902) 11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (1) (7255761) 11.55 News; Weather (T) (1488457) 12.00pm Call My Bluff (58322) 12.30 Battersea Dogs' Home (83506) 1.00 One O'Clock News (T) (80070) .

1.30 Regional News; Weather (86969761) 1.40 Neighbours Lou Madge and Harold continue feuding (T) (65856877). 2.05 tronside A tobacconist unwittingly becomes involved in narcotics dealing. With Raymond Burr (r) (7932051) 2.55 Going for a Song (8834506)

3.20 The Weather Show Weather stories and reports (T) (2265457) 3.25 Children's BBC: Playdays (9875326) 3.45 Little Monsters (9350457) 3.50 Chuckevision (8367419) 4.10 See it Saw It (4334411) 4.35 The Wild: House

(1991693) **5.00** Newsround (5738322). **5.10** Blue Peter (6878877) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (?) (788964) 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Weather (1) (159) 6.30 Regional News Magazine (821) 7.00 Money for Old Rope Johnathan Mailand offers tips on making the most

of financial investments (T) (1308) 7.30 CHOICE Dream House New series, Carol Vordemen and a team of experts attempt to build a dream house for the 21st century (1) (235) 8.00 Changing Rooms New series. The team come to the rescue of four neighbours

whose kitchens are badly in need of a revamp (1) (9896) 8.30 Battersea Dogs' Home Shatina Lowy introduces the first of a series of high-

lights from the daytime documentary. The comedian Sean Hughes visits the shelter to choose a companion for his dog Bill 11/6) (1) (610916);

8.50 National Lottery: Amazing Luck Stories Musician David Curtiss; celebrates an unexpected success (T)

(939877) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News: Weather (T) (6167) ...

9.30 The X Files A computer program with its own reasoning and conscience destroys its creator and plans further destruction (1) (750341)

10.15 CHOICE Jobs for the Boys New series. Hale and Pace by their hand at sports commentary (T) (263525) hand at sports commentary (1) (263525)

11.10 Volcano: Fire on the Mountain (1997).

Première. Dan Cortese stars in this disaster movie about an icyllic ski resort thrown into panic by the eruption of a nearby volcano. Directed by Graeme Campbell (1) (355815)

12.35am The Cassandra Crossing (1976) A

wounded terrorist carrying a deadly virus boards a transcontinental train, risking the lives of all on board. Disaster epic starring Burt Lancaster and Martin Sheen. Directed by George Cosmatos (1)

2.35 Weather (4935552). 2.40 BBC News 24 (24970216)

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1.10 The Arts and Crafts Hour Francine Stock looks at antique clocks (2762148) 2.10 Darts: World Professional Champion ship Highlights of yesterday's second-round matches. Includes News at 2.40

and 3.25 (98379693) .-: 5.30 Wildlife on Two (728) 6.00 Star Trak: The Next Generation A boy rescued from a wrecked spacecraft claims alliens attacked the ship — but is he telling the truth? (r) (T) (462322) 6.45 Buffy the Vampire Slayer A senes of unpleasant accidents disrupts the cheer-

eader auditions (T) (235525) 7.30 Tales from the Riverbank Geoffrey Palmer looks at all aspects of angling, spending a summer day fishing a trout stream (r) (1) (977)



Bull elephent seals lighting for the right to mate (8pm)

8.00 Existing Bettle of the Sexes New series. Samuel West nameles an insight into the sex lives of animals. revealing a competitive, selfish and violent battle for supremacy where biggest is often best as aggressive males vie for the ultimate prize - a mate (1) (743B)

8.30 Home Front Salvage expert Neville Griffiths shows how to recreate a period bathroom (T) (9273)

8.00 Red Dwarf VI The crew find themselves facing a gang of virtual reality gunslingers inside Kryten's electronic mindscape. (r) 9.30 Clockwatch How the coming of the

rallways led to a change in the way the country lold the time (1) (169457) 8.40 The Flow of Time The paradoxes of time, questioning the long-held belief that it flows like a river and suggesting instead that the future and past are very much out there (T) (384457) :: 10.20 Trade Secrets Photographers reveal all

10.30 Newshight Presented by Jeremy Paxman (1) (480490) (r) (T) (544419) 11-13 Suspended in Time (T) (938877) 11.15 Darts: World Professional Champ

ships Round-up of the action (548148) 11.55 Weather (720070) 12.00 The Phil Silvers Show Doberman stands for mayor (r) (33303) 12.30am Close

5.30am ITN Morning News (87544) 8.00 GMTV (6068186)

9.25 Trisha (T) (2393612) 10,25 This Morning (T) (62821631) 12.15pm HTV News (T) (9626235) 12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (T) (42542)

1:00 WEST: Next Stop Local news update from Shepton Mallet, presented by Richard Wyatt and Polly Lloyd (82438) 1.00 WALES: Shortland Street (82438) 1.30 Home and Away Gypsy doubts Will's sincerity (T) (92083)

2.00 The Jerry Springer Show Outrageous anything-goes talk show (T) (2166341), 2.45 Date's Supermarket Sweep (T) (173612)

3.15 ITN News Headlines (1) (2253612) 3.20 HTV News (T) (2250525) 3.25 CITV: Mopatop's Shop (2240148) 3.35 Teddybears (8782070) 3.45 Jumanji (8791780) 4.10 Whizzwag (8837051) 4.40 Med for il (7376983)

5.10 A Country Practice Terence and Rosemary's plans go to pot (4202934) 5.40 ITN Early Evening News; Weather (T) 5.59 HTV Crimestoppers (373322)

6.00 Home and Away Gypsy doubts Will's sincerity (r) (T) [651612) 6.25 WALES: Wales Tonight; Weather (T) 6.25 WEST: HTV Weather (990148)

6.30 WEST: The West Tonight (1) (419) 7.00 Emmerdiale Terry turns down Viv's offer (T) (8544) 7.30 Coronation Street Alf's funeral proves a trying occasion for Audrey (T) (631)

8.00 Who Wants to be a Millionaire? Big-prize game show (T) (4964) 8.30 Police, Camera, Action! The pursuit of a runaway coach on the M1 and a car thief whose 150mph getaway bid lailed to



Scarface the lioness and her cubs in the Nakuru National Park (9pm)

9.00 CROICE Survival Special The story of Scarface a honess who lives in the Nakuru National Park along with her eight cubs (1) (6419) 10.00 News at Ten; Weather (T) (51419) 10.30 HTV News and Weather (T) (796693)

10.40 Shining Through (1992) A secretary discovers her boss moonlights as a spy for American multary intelligence.
Romantic thinker, staming Michael
Douglas and Melanie Griffith. Directed by
David Settzer (T) (65643867)

1.05am Strangers (1990) Drama about a businessman whose life is thrown into turmoit by his relationships with three different women. James Healey stars. Directed by Craig Lahiff (713668) 2.45 Masterclass Wayne Sleep (7108303) 3.10 Club@vision (f) (4937587) 3.55 Trisha Shown earlier (r) (T) (8339736) 4.55 ITV Nightscreen (73108213)

5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (46484)

CENTRAL As HTV West except:

12.20-12.30pm Central News (6242983) 1.00 Echo Point (82438) 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (9271436) 2.15-2.45 Home and Away (174341) 3.20-3.25 Central News (2250525)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (4202934) 6.25-7.00 Central News; Weather (165032) 10.30-10.40 Central News; Weather (796693) 3.50am Central Jobfinder '99 (2118649) 5.20-5.30 Asian Eye (4413649)

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As HTV West except: 12.15-12.27pm Westcountry News; Weather

(9626235) 12.27-12.30 Illuminations (6250902) 1.00 Emmerdale (82438) 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (9271438) 2.15-2.45 Home and Away (174341)

3.20-3.25 Westcountry News; Weather (2250525) 5.08 Birthday People (8857032) 5.10-5.40 Homa and Away (4202934) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (86693) 10.30-10.40 Westcountry News; Weather

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1.00-1.30 Shortland Street (82438) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away; 6.00 Meridian Tonight (167) 6.30-7.00 Birdwatch (419)

10.30-10.40 Meridian News: Weather 5.00-5.30am Freescreen (46484)

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12.19pm Angila Air Watch (6221490) 1.00-1.35 Up Shot! (1596506) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (4202934)

6.24 Anglia Weather (991877) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (165032) 10.29 Anglia Air Watch (817877) 10.30-10.40 Anglia News and

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CHANNEL 4 5.55am Sesame Street (4058544)

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11.30 Here's One | Made Earlier (1) (T) (3070) 12.00pm Sesame Street (41032) 12.30 Bewitched (42524) 1.00 Pet Rescue The work of RSPCA centres

(i) (f) (73780) · 1.30 Web Animated short (79343506) 1.35 Golden Girl (1951) Musical about a worman who becomes a showbiz star, little realising the heartache waiting just around the come! Mitte Gaynor stars Directed by Lloyd Bacon (T) (20425051)

3.30 Hampton Court Palace Joe Cowell describes the night, in 1986, when the palace caught fire (T) (525) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One Highlights (r) (↑) (772) 4.30 Countdown (↑) (1985032)

4.55 Ricki Lake (T) (4096490) 5:30 Pet Rescue The RSPCA team rescue a cat wedged underneath a bridge and rush it to the Ark for a check-up (1) (896) 6.00 Caroline in the City Del and Charlie find love in the launderette and Caroline

consults her boyfriend for advice about her poorly cat (659254) 6.25 Suddenly Susan A friend begins to take up (oo much of Susan's time, and Jack fries to improve work relations (667273)

6.55 Planet Pop Music news (783070) 7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather (1) (958099) 7.55 Cuban Faces What everyday life is like in Habana Vieja (3/5) (T) (803693) 8.00 Brookside Gernma has a shock in store

(T) (2506) 8.30 The Real Holiday Show Three Glasgow pals take a trip to Turkey, the Cunliffes from Lancashire book a last-minute



9.00 Cracker Part two. The teacher accused

Robbie Coltrane stars as the

of murdering a leenage boy confesses to the crime, but DC) Bilborough soon notices inconsistencies in his testimony Robbie Coltrane and Christopher Ecclesion star (2/2) (T) (88767612) 11.05 Whose Line is it Anyway? With Ryan Stiles and Phil LaMarr (156051)

11.35 Fidel Portrait of the Cuban President whose leadership of his troubled country has kept him in the spotlight (253099) 1.10am Board X Last year's snowboarding festival (r) (6030228)

1.40 Gazzetta Football Italia Round-up of the week's action (r) (797755) 3.35 Transworld Sport (r) (8326262) 4.30 The Power and the Glory (1933)

Drama, told entirely in flashback, about the rags-to-riches rise of an industrial tycoon. With Spencer Tracy Directed by William K Howard (4633823)

6.00gm 5 News and Sport With Becky

7.00 WideWorld The resides of rural life to Victorian England (r) (T) (9269544) 7.30 Milkshake! (3502867)

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7.35 Wimzie's House (i) (9990457) 6.00 Havakazoo (1) (1330148) 8.30 Dappiedown Farm (1339419) 9.00 Hot Property (1353099)

9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (6782693) 10.20 Sunset Beach (T) (2380341) 11.10 Leeza (r) (2277187) 12.00pm 5 News at Noon (T) (1333235)

12.30 Family Affairs Annie tells Chris they're through (r) (T): 5 News Update (9109964) 1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Sheila is lound in a pool of blood (1) (9268815) 1.30 The Roseanne Show (9108235) 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (6529235)

2.30 Good Afternoon Daily entertainment, 5 News Update (4728099) 3.30 Joe Dancer — The Big Black Pill (TVM 1981) A private detective is wrongly accused of murder, and follows a trail of corruption that leads to a wealthy family.

With Robert Blake and JoBeth Williams Directed by Reza Badiyi (9895490) 5.20 Sunset Beach (r) (T) (6351419) 8.00 100 Per Cent (5480544) 6,30 Family Affairs Dave works his charm on

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Bassett angry over dismissal

Forest target Atkinson in survival fight

THE uneasy and occasionally fractious relationship between Dave Bassett and the Notting-ham Forest plc directors ended yesterday with an acrimonious departure from the club that he guided into the FA Carling Premiership last season. Bassett had read of his impending dismissal in the morn-ing newspapers before his worst fears were confirmed by Phil Soar the chief executive.

Although Micky Adams, his assistant, has been placed in temporary charge for the visit to Coventry City on Saturday. the board will meet 24 hours earlier to discuss a replacement. Ron Atkinson, at present on holiday in Bermuda, is the clear favourite, having shepherded Sheffield Wednesday to safety in 1997-98. The task at Forest, in twentieth place and without a win in 17 league games, a Premiership record, would appear to be

son was among the candi-dates, but said that no contact had yet been made "to my knowledge". Any approach will come from Irving Scholar, the director in charge of the club's football affairs, who decided Bassett's fate. In an unfortunate slip of the

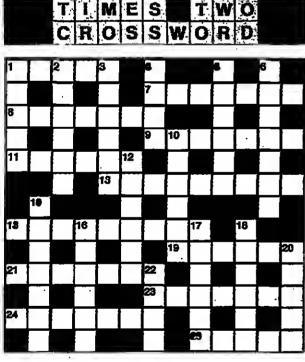
tongue as he read a prepared statement. Soar said that Bassett was leaving "by mutual consent", only to correct the error in his next breath. For once, the garrulous Bassett kept his observations succinct before be left the City Ground for the last time. The relative brevity of his comments amplified his frustration.

"Getting the sack is part and parcel of football. It is a volatile business and I am more upset at the way it has been done," Bassett, whose compensation payment may amount to several hundred thousand pounds, said.

The club have done it in an



Bassett, left, returns from training to hear his fate yesterday



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it confirmed is a rather rude way of doing business. It shows the difference in quality of dealing with people. When I was sacked by Elton John at Watford he called me to his agent's home. We sat down and sorted out the situation we were both upset but real-ised what had to happen. We had a glass of champagne and remain friends." It is hard to imagine him sharing a drink

with his latest employers.

Bassett was appointed as general manager of Forest in March 1997, a month after the club had been taken over by a five-man consortium that included Soar, Scholar and Nigel Wray, the owner of Saracens Rugby Football Club. He assumed full control after Stuart Pearce left for Newcastle United, when Forest slipped into the Nationwide League first division, and supervised an immediate return to the Premiership.

However, problems surfaced last summer with the sales of Colin Cooper and Kevin Campbell and the decision of Pierre van Hooijdonk to conduct a one-man strike in Holland. Bassett was further aggrieved when the board paved the way for Van Hooijdonk to return two months into the season, having bought Neil Shipperley as a replace-ment for £1.5 million.

He felt that the Holland international forward would undermine morale and the pair never disguised a mutual intipathy. While suggesting that "the majority of players think they have let Dave Bassett down", Adams admitted that "some are highly pleased" with his departure a clear indication that all is not well in the dressing-room.

Despite spending around £17 million in 22 months. Bassett felt more money needed to be made available as attempts to sign Brian Deane and Nathan Blake were scuppered on the grounds of cost. Indeed, Atkinson may be reluctant to accept the job of saving Forest from a third relegation in seven seasons, knowing that any funds must be generated through sales. There is also unease among supporters, who have protested more vocally against the board than Bassett after each of the past

two home games. Wray, the majority shareholder and plc chairman, said on Monday that the bank would not give any more money. A share flotation last summer realised just £2 million. "This is where we are and we have to get out of it." Wray

Referring to the financial situation, Geoff Thomas, one of the most successful signings before injury took hold, said that Bassett "has been punished for something that was not in his control". He added: "Dave is one of the best motivators in the game. With the results we have had there was going to be a question mark, but whether somebody else can come in and turn it around . . . I don't know if that is the answer."



Stewart, the England captain, third from left, and his players look on as Australia celebrate their victory in the fifth Test and the Ashes series

England revival gives Stewart opportunity to bat for Lloyd

SYDNEY (fourth day of five): Australia beat England by 98

EMBOLDENED by defeat in which there was, eventually, no dishonour. Alec Stewart yesterday made a plea for continuity in the management of the England team. His remarks may seem untimely on the day another Ashes series was lost 3-1, but Stewart recognised it as a moment in which

he could speak from strength. Stewart wants to continue in the captaincy when his appointment expires after the World Cup in June. Moreover, and far less likely, he wants David Lloyd to remain as coach and he is plainly pre-pared to bend a few ears to achieve it. He used the

after-match ceremony as his first platform, specifying in his speech what belp he had enjoyed from Lloyd and adding: "I would like to think we'll go on work-ing together for some while to come." In the media conference that followed, he returned to the topic. "David Lloyd has done a tremendous

job as coach and I hope he continues to do it." Stewart said. This was the second calculating intervention Stewart has made on Lloyd's behalf in the space of four months. Back in September, as Lloyd wavered over his future after a second stern reprimand for public statements. Stewart sought out media outlets in which to

voice his support of the coach. Now, aware that there are those seeking a change, and that Lloyd's response to it has been to identify his own time to stand aside. Stewart has spoken out again. He chose his moment well, for this was a day, indeed a formight, on Hounded out, page 38 which England heads could be FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN SYDNEY

held high, even in Australia. The final Test of a series far more memorable than had seemed likely ended 20 minutes after lunch on its fourth afternoon. The fantasy of an England victory faded fast once Stuart MacGill, upstaging Shane Warne once more, had eliminated the middle order on his way to match figures of 12 for 107.

It was an outcome that had seemed inevitable since England lost the toss, yet they had hurled themselves at Australia with such ferocity that, fleetingly, one of the most remarkable of all Test victories had been a possibility. So often, it has been the manner of defeat that

> The race is not always to the swift, and Taylor has proved himself the most sure-footed of men' Michael Henderson on the Australia captain, page 35

has dismayed Eogland followers. Here, it was the manner of it that cheered the thousands of supporters who had turned Sydney, like Barbados a year ago, into an outpost of St John's Wood.

Praise came from all quar-ters. Typically, Mark Taylor was gracious in victory. The Australia captain said he felt England had played better in Sydney than in the Melbourne Test they won. He added: "We have been challenged over the last ten days. England haven't just made us wobble, they've nailed us. They bowled us out twice in each game, which I had always thought would be their problem. In the first

three Tests i hadn't seen much change in their cricket, but the last two were different." A fourth morning of clear

blue sides and hot sunshine brought another fine crowd. alive with expectation. Yester-day's attendance of 27,754 raised the match aggregate to 142,282, rescuing the budget of the Australian Board after the Boxing Day washout and three-day finish in Melbourne. It also proved beyond valid argument that the Ashes retains its status as the great-

est of cricket's attractions. It required optimism on a grand scale to believe England's eight remaining wickets would yield the 183 runs still required, but they had

probably not bargained on losing one of their most important wickets to seam bowling. Glenn McGrath dismissed Mark Ramprakash through a smart, low catch at first slip by Tayfor, taking him past Allan Border to the world catches record of 157. Warne opened from

the other end and repeatedly spun the ball past the bat without reward. "He's not at his best yet," Taylor said. "As they say in racing, he will be better for the run, but although one leggie got 12 wickets and the other only two, I didn't think there was

much between them." Nasser Hussain was once again batting with great skill and intensity, working the ball into gaps for the singles that cluded his team-mates. It was a violent square drive for four, though, that saw McGrath out of the attack and ushered the game towards a rapid end.

MacGill, unrecognisable from the erratic bowler who began the series in Brisbane.

ets in four overs. Tudor was needed only nine balls to open bowled sweeping, Headley went to an instinctive grab from Healy and, finally, Such his day's collection, bowling Graeme Hick behind his legs saw his powerful shot strike the heel of Slater, at silly point, and lob up for MacGill to as he missed a sweep. Hussain, when 44, was missed by Healy off MacGill but it was Colin Miller, firing in his off catch in the style of a man who can do no wrong: Stewart led his players breaks, who removed John

Crawley with a questionable across to the stand where Engleg-before decision. Warren Hegg, who has land's more vocal supporters proved no more productive than his predecessors at No 7. days. Then he spoke with hontoe-ended a catch to Healy in esty of a series that had straining to reach a long-hop :slipped away before England from MacGill, who then effecbegan to play. "I think 3-1 was a fair reflection because we tively ended the contest by taking a return catch from underperformed for the first Hussain as he checked a drive. three Tests." he said. But. The game squeezed past the lunch break and MacGill when we are really up against it, we fight back well."



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FA rules dictate long campaign

THOSE who believe that the Football Association should press ahead with the appointment of a new chairman immediately, rather than waiting until the summer, received powerful backing yester-day from one of the leading candidates for the position. David Sheepshanks, chairman of Ipswich Town and one of the favourites to succeed Keith Wiseman, who resigned on Monday, believes the interim period is unhelpful.

"It is a pity that it will take so long," he said, but the constitution of the FA only allows the election of the chairman once

a year, at its annual meeting."
That will ensure five months of electioneering until the vote in June but none of the expected candidates would declare their hand yesterday for fear of being seen as too eager. I am flattered by the attention in the press," Sheepshanks said. "but we will have to wait and see. It is a huge job with a lot of challenges to be chairman until June, has yet to declare

Matt Dickinson says candidates for the

FA chairmanship are biding their time

met on and off the field." There seems little doubt, though, that the old Etonian will stand.

However, his position would be complicated should Ipswich Town win promotion from the Nationwide League first division this season. As one of the Football League's representatives on the FA Council. Sheepshanks would have to seek re-election either through his local association or from the Premier League. Geoff Thompson, who is deputising as his hand but seems certain to stand, white David Dein, vice-chairman of Arse-nal, and Dave Richards, chairman of Sheffield Wednesday, will canvas opinion from Premiership chairmen first.

Next week, the FA's executive committee will have the first look at a working party's proposals for reform of the association. These are expected to include a plan to cut drastically the number of councillors from the amateur game by merging county associations into larger regions. How much power the FA Carling Premiership clubs should wield is certain to cause lively debate as will suggestions that Wiseman's successor should become the organisation's first paid chairman.

Applications for the post of chief executive will also be sifted through next week and it has to be decided whether the appointment should be made before or after the issue of the chairmanship is resolved.

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